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Several cars parked in the parking areas of businesses within the vicinity of the casino are reportedly not even their customers.

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## CCC members to IPI: Review vehicle flow

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REPORTER

Several members of the Commonwealth Casino Commission have raised concerns about the traffic jams that bottleneck the main service roads just across the newly opened casino in the middle of Garapan.

According to commission vice chair Joseph Reyes, he recommends to the representatives of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC that they review the traffic flow to correct the jams in the evening, when the casino is at its busiest.

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### IN APARTMENT RENT DISPUTE

## Man bites another man

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REPORTER

A man is suing another man in Superior Court for allegedly biting his hand and hitting him with a chair during an apartment rent dispute.

Ye Fang also sought a temporary restraining order against Jiang Hong Sheng.

Fang, through counsel Charity R. Hodson, is suing Sheng for alleged battery, assault, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. He is demanding dam-

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## Tubera to play Fantine in *Les Miz* Guam

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA  
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REPORTER

A young performer from Saipan will travel to Guam to play a coveted role in the beloved musical *Les Miserables*.

Sixteen-year-old dancer, singer, and actress Erica Faye Tubera will play the role of Fantine when the world-famous premieres in Guam.



Tubera

musical

Tubera is set to travel to the U.S. territory on Aug. 28 to take on the role.

Tubera will be the first from Saipan

*Les Miserables* is based on the novel written by French writer Victor Hugo. The five-part novel was re-written into a musical in 1985, according to an online source. The musical is now one of the most popular and longest running musicals in the world.

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## BECQ heightens watchdog role vs dumping



A visit by the *Saipan Tribune* to the site yesterday found piles of construction materials that are dumped across the streets of the casino.

KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

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REPORTER

Recent reports about piles of trash around the casino construction site in Garapan has resulted in Imperial Pacific International Ltd. acting fast to clean up the mess.

Rep. Ed Propst (Ind-Saipan) took to social media a few days ago to complain about the piles of trash near the Imperial Pacific Resort and Casino, saying it completely contradicts the image that the island is trying to sell tourists.

With the amount Imperial Pacific has invested in the CNMI economy, one would think that they could spend \$200 to get the site cleaned, Propst added.

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality soon learned of the issue, but the garbage was no longer there when BECQ personnel arrived. BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman said the entire area has been cleaned and no illegal dump sites were found.

According to Division of Environmental Quality director Ray Masga, the dumpsites Propst saw were possibly recent as an inspection was conducted prior to the transfer of the casino from the T Galleria and no piles of trash were found.

According to Rabauliman,

he has a hunch the dumping areas were cleaned immediately for the company to avoid being cited again.

"The complaints were immediately addressed because BECQ earlier issued citations against IPI, including the management of their trash," said Rabauliman.

The agency recently issued an administrative order against IPI about an illegal dumping area behind the construction grounds. The administrative order required the cleanup of the area, along with a fine of \$1,000.

According to Rabauliman, this is only one of many citations issued against Imperial Pacific regarding the illegal dumping issue.

According to Rabauliman, upon seeing Propst's post, BECQ was fast to respond to the issue regarding the illegal dumping but Imperial Pacific was faster to address the issue.

According to Rabauliman, the only thing that the bureau can do is to continue to hear these complaints, investigate, and issue citations because the revised anti-littering law does not state anything regarding repeated violations.

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## Agents seize arms, docs at CW scam defendant's house

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Federal agents searched last Friday the residence on Saipan of one of six defendants facing charges in a CW-1 scam that victimized Bangladeshi nationals.

Assistant U.S. attorney

James J. Benedetto informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday that the U.S. government executed a search warrant at the house of Muksedur Rahman.

Several weapons and various documents were seized during the search, Benedetto told the court.

He did not indicate the type of weapons seized.

Benedetto also informed the court that the U.S. government will file a proposed indictment, charging Rahman and co-defendants with just six charges instead of the original 17.

He also disclosed that the U.S. government obtained

from Bangladesh the statements of those who witnessed a victim or victims paying the defendants or someone acting on their behalf.

He has yet to receive bank records from the Central Bank of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Benedetto recently informed the court that the U.S. government may obtain sooner than expected the bank and business records being sought from Bangladesh.

Benedetto said their request for bank records for family members in Bangladesh of some defendants in the case

had reached the financial investigation unit of the Central Bank of Bangladesh.

Benedetto said the Central Bank of Bangladesh personnel have assured that the U.S. government will be getting the records soon.

Rahman and his co-schemers allegedly instructed at least 12 victims to make payments to Rahman's various relatives and in-laws who live in that country.

Some of the payments were

made in cash directly to a co-schemer of Rahman, and some were deposited directly into the accounts of his family members and in-laws.

The superseding indictment charged the defendants with 17 counts such as mail fraud, fraud in foreign labor contracting, and fraud and misuse of visas and permits. The jury trial will be Aug. 15, 2017. Designated Judge John C. Coughenour will preside over the trial.

## Police cadet in theft case OK'd to post \$500 bail

The Superior Court released to a third-party custodian yesterday a police cadet facing criminal charges, upon posting a \$500 cash bail and \$4,500 unsecured bond.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted the motion of assistant public defender Shoshanah Epstein to modify the \$5,000 cash bail earlier imposed on her client, Aghilimal R. Faisao.

Camacho found former Department of Community and Cultural Affairs secretary Thomas Tebuteb suitable as a third-party custodian for the 21-year-old Faisao.

Faisao is Tebuteb's son-in-law.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas, counsel for the government, did not object to the bail modification or to Tebuteb's appointment as Faisao's third-party custodian.

Among other conditions, Faisao is not allowed to drink alcohol while he is

out on bail.

Faisao, through counsel, also waived his right for preliminary hearing.

Arraignment will be on Aug. 7.

Faisao was arrested last Sunday midnight for allegedly eating at the Mobil gas station in Chalan Kiya without paying for the items he took and challenging the station's

employee to a fight.

Faisao, who was allegedly very drunk, reportedly made a mess on the table and floor with the food and washed his hands using the soda dispenser in the store.

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## CCC

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Reyes noted that safety precautions must first be implemented “before anything tragic happens.”

Commission executive di-

rector Edward Deleon Guerrero agreed with Reyes, suggesting that, instead of having IPI vans stop in the middle of the road and cause traffic, have the vans enter the loop instead to unload or pick up guests.

According to one of the representatives of IPI, they have

also noticed the traffic jams and are looking at offloading guests in other locations to prevent traffic.

“We have been sending memos to staff to let them know that they can’t just drop [guests] off in the middle of the road,” said the rep-

resentative.

## Parking woes

When asked about parking issues, Deleon Guerrero said the issue of parking has long been a problem in Garapan.

“Parking has always been an issue, not just for IPI but the

entire Garapan business community and the people that try to transverse the intersection,” he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Multiple interviews that commenced yesterday with business establishments within IPR’s immediate surroundings and beyond stated otherwise.

At least three business establishments within the area have introduced some form of additional security measures, with two of the three going so far as to hire security personnel that drive away non-customer from parking in their areas just for the evening hours.

Of the seven establishments *Saipan Tribune* interviewed within the area, all of them have reportedly lost customers due to the lack of parking, which they claim have only been a problem since the transfer of the casino from T Galleria to its permanent spot in the Imperial Pacific Resort.

Businesses directly in front of the casino, Aroma Salon Kasumi and Happiness Restaurant, have all noted that they have been losing parking spaces.

According to an employee of Happiness Restaurant, even co-employees have a hard time getting to work since they have to park at least a block away from their workplace.

Several other business establishments that refuse to be mentioned in the paper have noted that the extent of casino goers’ parking reaches even up to the American Memorial Park area.

Atsushi Aoki, who runs a business within the Garapan area, has also felt the adverse effects of the lack of parking. Though parking always being an issue for his establishment due to its close proximity to a popular nightclub, it was bearable because it was only during the weekends. Now, he claims he has to constantly fight for his parking spots everyday.

IPR has expanded its services beyond that of casino services since the transfer, including numerous slots for valet parking, which is free for the public.

Last year, the Department of Public Works has discussed looking at reworking Garapan’s roads in an effort to decongest the area.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said late February 2017 that proposals—for possible additional traffic lights; a roundabout; and the possibility of turning the Garapan-Beach Road area into a one-way street—have all been submitted.



## BUDGET MEETING

The House Ways and Means Committee continues its deliberations on the fiscal year 2018 budget. The Legislature must pass the new budget before the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, 2017, or risk a government shutdown.

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## MAN

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ages, attorney’s fees, and court costs.

Fang also asked the court to issue a restraining order and preliminary injunction against Sheng to prevent him from contacting, molesting, attacking and disturbing Fang, his wife, and their two children.

According to Hodson in the complaint, Fang lent Sheng \$7,150 for a real estate investment about three months ago.

Fang and Sheng did not specify a time when the loan would be due in full.

By June 2017, the remaining balance due on the loan was \$4,750.

Fang rents an apartment from Sheng in San Antonio. Fang’s rent had been paid up to July 2017.

Last June 6, Sheng messaged Fang that he was going to come over to Fang’s house to pay back the remaining balance due on the loan.

At Fang’s house, the two got into an argument because Sheng allegedly advised that he did not want to pay off the loan balance until Fang had moved out of the building.

Fang disagreed with Sheng’s proposal. Sheng allegedly got angry and yelled at Fang.

Sheng allegedly threatened

Fang that if he keeps pushing him to pay back the money, he would make him “disappear.”

Sheng allegedly warned Fang that the latter has two children and that there are no security cameras on Saipan. Sheng allegedly stated he could throw Fang into the ocean.

Fang’s wife and his 3-month old baby were present during this argument and became frightened at the altercation.

Sheng allegedly suddenly grabbed Fang’s hand and bit it. Sheng grabbed a folding chair and hit Fang over the head about 10 times. Sheng also punched Fang.

Fang got up and went to the door to tell Sheng to leave. Sheng grabbed a kitchen knife and held it against Fang.

Fang’s child began crying. Fang’s neighbor and his wife heard the noise and entered Fang’s residence.

The neighbor demanded that Sheng put down the knife. During the struggle, Fang was able to get Sheng in a chokehold. Sheng eventually dropped the knife.

Fang secured Sheng with a telephone wire, while asking his neighbor to call the police. Fang’s wife took several photos during this incident.

While waiting for the police to arrive, Sheng allegedly continued to threaten Fang, stating that he would sell his car

and go back to China.

Sheng threatened Fang that before leaving Saipan he would “do something” to him.

Police officers arrived shortly after and secured Sheng. An ambulance brought Fang to the Commonwealth Health Center and was treated there last June 6, and incurred \$900 in fees for treatment. When Fang went in for follow-up treatment, he paid \$200 more.

Last June 7, after Sheng was released from police custody, he messaged Fang, “I’m back.”

That same day, Fang saw that Sheng had advertised on a Chinese website that his car on Saipan was for sale.

Last July 7, Sheng allegedly showed up outside Fang’s residence. Fang became alarmed and called the police. Sheng ran away before the police could capture him.

The following day, Sheng allegedly showed up again at Fang’s residence. Fang’s friend answered the door as Fang was not there.

Sheng allegedly told Fang’s friend that he was a plumber and was there to make repairs. Fang’s friend let him in.

Sheng then called the police. Fang’s friend called Fang to inform him that Sheng and the police were at the house.

Fang went to his house and found Sheng was telling the police that Fang was late with his

rent so he was kicking him out.

According to Hodson, Sheng’s sublease to the apartment is subject to a superior lease with ZN (Saipan) Corp., whose authorized representative is Andrei Zhukovskii.

Hodson said ZN Corp. had terminated its sublease with Sheng and had agreed to sublease directly to Fang.

Hodson said Fang currently holds the lease to his apartment with ZN Corp. effective July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2018.

Zhukovskii came out of the building and told Sheng to leave. Fang called the police detective that was investigating the criminal assault with a deadly weapon case against Sheng.

The detective informed police officers of the ongoing investigation. Police then instructed Sheng to leave the premises.

Later that day, Fang noticed Sheng hanging around the area. Fang later discovered a notice from Sheng posted on his door stating that Fang is late on his rent and demanding payment for rent, utility charges, and a late fee, to be paid on or before July 15, 2017, or Fang would be evicted.

“Defendant’s violent acts and threats are outrageous in that defendant viciously attacked Mr. Fang and made threats toward Mr. Fang and his children,” Hodson said.

## TUBERA

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to take on the role of Fantine in the World Theater Production’s school edition presentation of *Les Miserables*. It’s the role that won Anne Hathaway an Oscar in the musical’s film version and is most known for the song *I Dreamed A Dream*.

According to Tubera, the story behind earning an audition for the *Les Miserables* musical was an unexpected surprise. She said she was in Guam in March for the Tumon Bay Music Festival (the Marianas High School Glee Club—the group that Tubera is a member of—joins the festival annually). The musical’s director, Jojo Urquico, was one of the TBMF judges and witnessed her duet with Rinisa Torres on *I Dreamed a Dream*. The rendition won them the silver award.

According to Tubera, about a week after she had arrived back on Saipan, Urquico himself contacted her, requesting that she audition for a part in the play he was directing that turned out to be *Les Miserables*.

According to Tubera, she was ecstatic that she was asked to audition, but was disappointed to learn that she needed to return to Guam the following weekend for the audition. Tubera said she was in tears because she knew she

would not be able to afford the ticket to return to Guam. Tubera was also heartbroken because *Les Miserables* is her all-time favorite musical.

Fortunately, Tubera was told a few days later that a video audition would suffice. Soon after sending in her audition tape, she received news that she had been chosen for the role.

According to Tubera, she started performing at the age of 3. Tubera also cited that Disney and Broadway star Lea Salonga played the role of Fantine.

Although she struggles with the fear that she may not meet the challenge of the role, she is constantly reminded by the important people in her life that she is capable if she continues to persevere. “Acting has always been the biggest challenge for me,” said Tubera. “Knowing that I am one of the first people on the island that has accomplished this makes me feel very proud.”

She said this all would not have been possible without the support and love of her family, friends, and the love of her island.

“My mom, dad, brothers, my friends in the glee club, and my boyfriend C.J. continue to inspire me to work hard for this... now, I am more than excited to represent the island for this upcoming show and I pray it would be a success,” said Tubera.



# House passes historic GI Bill legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. House of Representatives voted last night to pass the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, a bill to improve and extend G.I. Bill benefits granted to veterans, their surviving spouses, and dependents.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) spoke in favor of passage yesterday during debate on the House floor. Sablan was also one of the original co-sponsors of the measure.

Among its most notable provisions, the Colmery Act would lift the 15-year limit on the use of G.I. Bill educational benefits and make that tuition assistance available throughout a veteran's lifetime.

During debate, Sablan noted that at least three of the bill's provision addressed issues that veterans, reservists, and members of the National Guard from the Mariana Islands had specifically brought to his attention and asked for his help.

"The first affects veterans who were enrolled in colleges that closed and who, as a result, lost their educational benefit. The bill...restores that benefit, so those veterans can continue their education," Sablan said.

"The second problem my veterans brought to me has to do with post-9/11 reservists—like those in Company E, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, and the 302nd Quartermaster Company in the Marianas—and National Guardsmen, who were under active duty orders that did not accrue education benefits. Those veterans will now have their active duty count toward the G.I. Bill.

"And third, those with less than 36 months of qualifying active duty service will see an increase to 50 percent of the maximum amount payable."

Sablan, a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, thanked committee chair Phil Roe (R-Tennessee) and ranking member Tim Walz (D-Minnesota) for their leadership and commitment to working together for the benefit of veterans.

Walz summarized his views by saying, "This bipartisan G.I. Bill will improve the lives of current and future generations of veterans by enhancing existing benefits, correcting current gaps in eligibility, and providing new benefits to help our veterans in today's economy without asking our troops or American taxpayers to pay more."

Sablan also commended the veterans service organizations that worked with the committee to ensure that America honored the promises made to those who have service in the armed forces.

The bill now goes to the Senate for action. (PR)



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Engine: 3.5 Liter  
Transmission: Automatic  
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Color: Gun Metallic



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Engine: 4.0 Liter  
Transmission: Automatic  
Est. Mileage: 5200  
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Engine: 4.0 Liter  
Transmission: Automatic  
Est. Mileage: 24250  
Color: Brilliant Silver



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Engine: 4.0 Liter  
Transmission: Automatic  
Est. Mileage: 23361  
Color: Arctic Blue



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BACCARAT COURSE GRADUATES

Fourteen residents are the latest successful graduates of Imperial Pacific International Ltd.’s Baccarat Dealer Course. In a ceremony Friday afternoon, Imperial Pacific International chief operating officer Henry Cheang, center back, joined company executives and officials from the Commonwealth Casino Commission and the Department of Labor in congratulating the graduates. The dealer ceremony capped a rigorous full-time course offered by the CNMI’s largest private sector employer with the goal, among others, of giving residents employment opportunities in the new gaming industry. The successful graduates are the fourth cohort since it was launched last year. The program ran from June 19 to July 14.

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WEEKEND BLAZE

Firefighters work to extinguish the blaze that engulfed a container on Sunday afternoon in a compound beside a commercial building, where the New XO Market is located along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Gualo Rai. New XO Market owns the container. The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services has yet to release to the media the results of their investigation.

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB 17-HSEM-189**

**SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 28, 2017**      **TIME: 11:00 A.M.**

**“LEASE OF WAREHOUSE FACILITY FOR FIVE (5) YEARS  
FOR THE CNMI HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY”**

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ GERALD J. DELEON GUERRERO  
SPECIAL ASISTANT FOR HSEM

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR OF P&S

Itibus supports medical referral, CHCC budget

By ERWIN ENCINARES  
erwin\_encinares@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

Rep. Jose I. Itibus (R-Saipan) supports the over \$12 million proposed budget for Medical Referral Services and the \$90

million being proposed for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Itibus told *Saipan Tribune* on Monday that he supports both MRS and CHCC since supporting one of the two

directly affects the performance and the budget needs of the other.

He said that funding CHCC would shave off the additional expenses of MRS.

“A lot of our patients are...

going off island and that’s costing the government. ...I really want to support CHCC because we would save [money intended] for [future] medical referrals,” he said.

Although Itibus and Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) have been supportive of both budgets, Itibus recognizes that it is still up to the House Ways and Means Committee to deliberate on what funds need to be prioritized.

“It would really depend on our budget as the committee is really trying to tweak the numbers,” he said.

“We wanted to go to the personnel scale and see how we could do adjustments from there,” he added.

Without delving too much into details, the committee discussed on Monday whether they should increase the pay scale of civil service employees; however, working around experience and technicalities hindered the committee, causing them to reconvene Monday afternoon.

According to Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), the committee is still deliberating on priorities. Working with a \$148 million budget, Demapan earlier said a budget bill may be expected by the end of the month.

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**INVITATION TO BID (ITB)**  
**ITB 17-OPA-01 (A-B)**

**SUBMISSION DATE: August 2, 2017**      **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**“LEASE OF TWO (2) NEW FOUR DOOR MINI SUV”**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, LOCATED AT 1236 YAP DRIVE, CAPITAL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS (MONDAY-FRIDAY, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, CLOSED ON HOLIDAYS)

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI OPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC §130-30-725 AND §130-30-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/s/ MICHAEL PAI, CPA  
PUBLIC AUDITOR

/s/ CHRISTIAAN WALLACE  
PROCUREMENT OFFICER/OFFICE MANAGER

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**RFP NO.: RFP 17-OVR-177**

**SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 18, 2017**      **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**“PROVISION OF FIVE (5) CORE INDEPENDENT  
LIVING SERVICE A PROJECT UNDER  
THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION,  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR”**

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, ASCENCION DRIVE, SAIPAN, MP 96950, DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

**A PRE-SUBMISSION ORIENTATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, NAVY HILL, SAIPAN ON AUGUST 04, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME. PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION.**

ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY MS. ARLENE KAY A. YAMAGATA, M.S., CRC OVER DIRECTOR BY PHONE AT (670) 322-6537/38 OR THROUGH E-MAIL AT [nmidir@ovrgov.net](mailto:nmidir@ovrgov.net) NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS, AUGUST 09, 2017.

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

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/S/ ARLENE KAY A. YAMAGATA, MS.S. CRC  
OVR DIRECTOR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

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Saipan, MP 96950  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
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In the Matter of the	) FCD CN
Petition for the Change	) CIVIL ACTION
of Name of:	) NO. 17-0301
	)
Kitlyn Joy G. Deducin	) <b>NOTICE OF</b>
Petitioner	) <b>HEARING</b>

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 17, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day June, 2017.

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB 17-SAR-182 (A) (B)**

**SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 28, 2017**      **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**“PURCHASE OF TWO CLASS “I” VEHICLES  
AND ONE CLASS “J” VEHICLE FOR THE OFFICE OF  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE & REHABILITATION”**

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/S/ YVETTE R. SABLAN  
SPECIAL ASISTANT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND REHABILITATION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR OF P&S



WASHINGTON, D.C.—Acting Interior assistant secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula has made available \$635,885 for natural and cultural resource protection for all U.S. island jurisdictions in the Micronesia region.

“It is reassuring to see the range of initiatives we have been able to support with this funding, from managing fisheries that support people’s livelihoods to suppressing the impacts of the damaging coconut rhinoceros beetle and little fire ant,” said Pula. “We are happy to support and bolster the collaborative efforts of conservation-minded leaders across the Micronesia region.”

The Nature Conservancy Micronesia will receive \$93,600 to pilot a community-based fisheries management program on Oneismw Island in the Chuuk Lagoon.

Chuuk has only 2 percent of its marine resources designated as no-take areas, the lowest among the four states in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Chuuk has suffered from challenges such as overfishing, land-based pollution, the lack of a statewide approach to management, and a lack of capacity for resource planning.

This project is in line with the Micronesia Challenge, a shared commitment by the chief executives of Guam, the CNMI, FSM, the Marshall Islands, and Palau to effectively conserve at least 30 percent of near-shore marine and 20 percent of terrestrial resources across the Micronesia region by 2020, and shared recognition that the future of the islands depends on the viability of their marine and terrestrial environments.

The Micronesia Conservation Trust will receive \$127,400 to fund the participation of one conservation officer from each of the Micronesian island jurisdictions in the Micronesia Challenge to participate in the first course scheduled for 2017 at the Marine-Terrestrial Conservation Enforcement Academy at the Guam Community College.

Through this MCT-GCC collaboration conservation officers across the region will be trained in safety procedures and how to approach and apprehend alleged violators as well as prepare reports that can stand up in court.

The MCT, which serves as the financing mechanism for the Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund, supports biodiversity conservation and sustainable development for the people of FSM, Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the U.S. territories of Guam and the CNMI.

“We at the Micronesia Conservation Trust appreciate the trust and confidence that the Office of Insular Affairs has placed in us by providing this

## Interior provides \$635,885 for Micronesia region

funding,” said Willy Kostka, MCT executive director. “We have been able to secure matching funds—\$15,000 from the FSM Congress, \$25,000 from the [U.S. Agency for International Development] Climate Ready Project, and \$40,000 from the U.S. Forest Service—and can now train more than one person per jurisdiction.”

The first course began on Monday, July 24, with 16 participants and ends on Oct. 4.

Ridge to Reefs, a non-profit organization, is granted \$100,000 to work with the Belau Watershed Alliance, the Palau Conservation Society, and other local and community partners in Palau to address increases in growth and development around the main island of Babeldaob since completion of the circumferential Compact Road.

Stakeholders are expected to address concerns such as soil erosion and sediment transport impacting the coasts and coral reefs, degraded savannahs, and impacts of unsustainable agricultural practices.

The University of Guam will also receive \$176,553 to fund a post-doctoral entomologist for two years and supplement existing work to administer *Oryctes nuditarsis*, the biological control agent of choice against the coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros*. This has typically reduced damage by up to 90 percent, with population suppression lasting indefinitely. The coconut rhinoceros beetle has been rapidly killing coconut trees in Guam and Palau.

Ideal breeding sites are in decaying vegetation, often left in the wake of tropical storms and typhoons.

Without significant suppression, it is believed both Guam and Palau will lose most of their coconut trees and that it will only be a matter of time before other islands in Micronesia are invaded.

The University of Guam College of Natural and Applied Sciences will receive \$63,816 to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to eradicate the little fire ant, *Wasmannia auropunctata*, from selected forest sites in Guam using techniques adapted from successful mitigation projects in Hawaii.

In cooperation with the UOG Cooperative Extension Services, entomologists will also train technical workers to recognize and control little fire ant infestations.

Guam’s Department of Agriculture will receive \$74,516 to start up a training and outreach program for the prevention, control and management of the little fire ant infestation on Guam.

Funds will provide for equip-

ment and supplies, personnel training, a new website dedicated to little fire ant control, and workshops to encourage and engage the public in the control and management of this pest.

A little fire ant infestation was first found at a green-waste site on the northern tip of Guam in 2011, and there are now over 20 widely dispersed infestation sites on the island.

Other infestations of the little fire ant have been found in Hawaii and other islands of Polynesia further south, including Australia.

The little fire ant has caused ecological disruption in

Guam’s forests and other areas on Guam.

It is feared that if unchecked, the little fire ant will cause further disruptions to Guam’s ecosystem and spread to other islands in Micronesia.

These three initiatives support efforts to control the coconut rhinoceros beetle and the little fire ant and align with the 2015 Biosecurity Plan for Hawaii and Micronesia.

These two invasive species pose significant challenges to regional ecosystems and present both health and economic risks to communities in the Pacific.

These specific initiatives were able to be funded because a one-time appropriation add-on of \$250,000 made available by Congress in the fiscal year 2017 budget toward these eradication efforts and to augment capacity building within the insular areas in the management of natural and cultural resources.

At the 22<sup>nd</sup> Micronesian Islands Forum in May 2017, island leaders, including Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, identified invasive species and specifically the coconut rhinoceros beetle, as one of the most important threats to island com-

munities, economics, environments and human health.

All funding for cultural and natural resources protection and management was provided under what was formerly called the Coral Reef Initiative. All four U.S. territories of the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI, as well as the three freely associated states of the FSM, the Marshall Islands, and Palau are eligible to apply.

Discretionary funding provided by the Office of Insular Affairs in the Department of the Interior is appropriated annually by the U.S. Congress to help address needs in the U.S. insular areas. (DOI)

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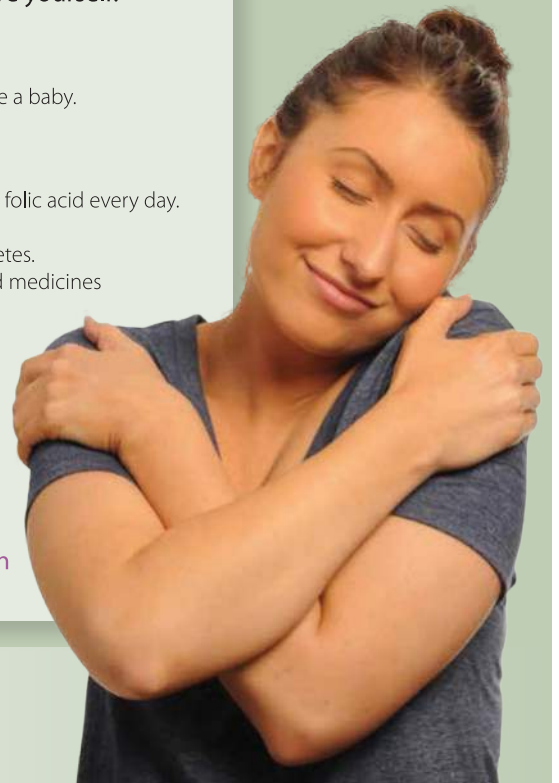


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# H-1B premium processing to resume for some petitions

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will resume premium processing for certain cap-exempt H-1B petitions effective immediately.

The H-1B visa has an annual cap of 65,000 visas each fiscal year.

Additionally, there is an annual “master’s cap” of 20,000 petitions filed for beneficiaries with a U.S. master’s degree or

higher. Premium processing will resume for petitions that may be exempt from the cap if the H-1B petitioner is:

■ An institution of higher education;

■ A nonprofit related to or affiliated with an institution of higher education; or

■ A nonprofit research or governmental research organization.

Premium processing will

also resume for petitions that may also be exempt if the beneficiary will be employed at a qualifying cap-exempt institution, organization or entity.

Starting today, those cap-exempt petitioners who are eligible for premium processing can file Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service for Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker.

Form I-907 can be filed to-

gether with an H-1B petition or separately for a pending H-1B petition.

USCIS previously announced that premium processing resumed on June 26 for H-1B petitions filed on behalf of physicians under the Conrad 30 waiver program as well as interested government agency waivers.

USCIS plans to resume premium processing of oth-

er H-1B petitions as workloads permit.

USCIS will make additional announcements with specific details related to when we will begin accepting premium processing for those petitions.

Until then, premium processing remains temporary.

ily suspended for all other H-1B petitions.

USCIS will reject any Form I-907 filed for those petitions, and if the petitioner submitted one check combining the Form I-907 and Form I-129 fees, USCIS will have to reject both forms.

For more information on USCIS and its programs, visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). (*USCIS*)

## Probable cause found to charge man accused of sexually abusing 2 minors

Probable cause has been found to charge a 49-year-old man with sexual abuse of two girls.

At a preliminary hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crimes of two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and one count of disturbing the peace were committed and that Miguel Cecilio Arrozal may have committed

the offenses.

No probable cause was found on the offense of disturbing the peace as there was no testimony on the elements of that offense.

The judge dismissed the disturbing the peace charge without prejudice, which means the prosecution may re-file that charge in the future.

Assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio, counsel for the government, called to the wit-

ness stand police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan, who is the officer-in-charge of the case.

Assistant public defender Jamal Saleh served as counsel for Arrozal.

Arraignment will be on July 31 at 9am.

It was the second preliminary hearing. At the first preliminary hearing last week, Camacho found no probable cause to charge Arrozal after Tenorio failed to ask the wit-

ness in the case any questions as to two counts of disturbing the peace.

Camacho said Tenorio also failed to ask the witness any questions as to the identification of Arrozal and his age.

The OAG re-filed the case that same day.

Arrozal is accused of sexually abusing an 8-year-old girl and a 10-year-old girl between May 1, 2017 and June 3, 2017 on Saipan. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## A. Samoa gets \$94,906 to protect resources

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula made available \$94,906 for natural and cultural resource protection in American Samoa.

“We are pleased to support Gov. Lolo Moliga and the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources team in their efforts to preserve natural ecosystems vital to American Samoa’s environment and the people’s livelihood,” said Pula. “American Samoa’s natural resources are highly vulnerable to the impacts of land-based pollution, illegal

near-shore fishing and changes in climate for which this funding is greatly needed.”

The American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources will use \$94,906 to:

1. Coordinate efforts in the Faga’alu, Vatia, and Nu’uuli Watersheds, each prioritized by either the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force or the territory. Overfishing, climate change, land-based pollution, and population pressure have been identified as the four primary threats to natural resources in these areas.

2. Continue development of rain gardens and other best

practices to manage storm water runoff in the territory by collaborating heavily with federal, territorial, and academics as well as village councils.

3. Provide GIS mapping training and certification to better inform management of priorities across watersheds, raingardens, and marine-protected areas, as well as other managed and unmanaged areas on the island.

4. Set up integrated radar systems to monitor and deter poaching in the Tutuila Marine Protected Areas.

All funding for cultural and natural resources protec-

tion and management was provided for under what was formerly called the Coral Reef Initiative and is available under CFDA# 15.875 at <https://www.grants.gov/>. All four U.S. territories of the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI, as well as the three freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau are eligible to apply.

Discretionary funding provided by the Office of Insular Affairs in the Department of the Interior is appropriated annually by the U.S. Congress to help address needs in the U.S. Insular Areas. (*DOI*)

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### SCC’s GREL committee to meet

The Government Relations Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be meeting this Thursday, July 27, 2017, at 9am in the SCC conference room. The one-hour meeting offer unique insights, suggestions, or comments concerning current legislations that may affect the business community. If you are interested in joining the discussion, contact chamber administrator/coordinator Mercilynn Kaneshi Palec at 234-7150, [administrator@saipanchamber.com](mailto:administrator@saipanchamber.com). If you are unable to attend but feel strongly about a certain bill, send comments by Wednesday, July 26, 2017. (*PR*)

#### Road closure for sewer line installation

The intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold Road and Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road will be closed until Friday, July 28, 2017, 6pm for a sewer line installation. The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.’s contractor for the W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination Proj-

ect, Hong Ye Construction, will be completing the last 150 feet to 200 feet installation of sewer main for the contract.

There is currently a sewer line replacement project in Garapan due to a collapsed line along Coral Tree Avenue fronting the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. CUC’s contractor, RNV Construction, will be working to replace the collapsed line until Aug. 13, 2017. (*PR*)

#### Military training at FDM, Barrigada

The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla today, July 26, from 9am to 4pm. The military will also conduct training at the former Adm. Nimitz Golf Course in Barrigada from today, July 26, to tomorrow, July 27, from 5am to 1pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. The location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (*PR*)



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

for  
L.T. Travel Company, Ltd.

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. L.T. Travel Company, Ltd. is proposing to occupy an existing two-story building consisting of 6 units for Guest House. This use is classified as “Guest House/Motel” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. E.A. 226-2-1-1 & 123 E 01 in Sadog Tasi. This area is zoned as Rural.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 09, 2017  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Place:** Multi-purpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, August 08, 2017. Please send written comments via e-mail to [Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

for  
American Sinopan, LLC dba  
Saipan Garden Resort

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. American Sinopan, LLC dba Saipan Garden Resort is proposing to construct and operate ten 6-story hotel buildings with two hotel dining buildings with a total of 1,184 hotel units, a main lobby and administrative building, two 6-story apartment buildings with one club house facility, two 6-story staff housing buildings with a cafeteria, and two restaurant buildings. This use is classified as “Planned Development/Hotel” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lots No. 018 B 174, 018 B 102, & 018 B 103 in Tanapag. This area is zoned as Rural.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

for  
Hon Yan International (CNMI) LLC,  
dba Ladder Beach Restaurant

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Hon Yan International (CNMI) LLC dba Ladder Beach Restaurant is proposing to construct a building structure to operate a restaurant. This use is classified as “Restaurant, General” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 039 L 17 in Obyan. This area is zoned as Rural.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 09, 2017  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Place:** Multi-purpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, August 08, 2017. Please send written comments via e-mail to [Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman



# More than \$50M allotted for parks' infra

WASHINGTON—Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner announced last July 22 that the National Park Service is teaming up with partners across the nation to distribute nearly \$50 million in high priority maintenance and infra-

structure projects at 42 parks in 29 states.

Congress provided \$20 million for the projects as part of the Centennial Challenge program, which will be matched by \$33 million from more than 50 park partners to improve trails, restore buildings, and

increase visitor access to parks.

Zinke and Gardner made the announcement while visiting Rocky Mountain National Park, which will receive \$200,000 in federal funds matched by \$200,000 from the Rocky Mountain Conservancy to reduce deferred

maintenance on the Alluvial Fan Trail.

"Our national parks span twelve time zones and attract more than 330 million visitors every year. Some locations, like Rocky Mountain National Park, attract millions of visitors alone. This puts an

incredible stress on the aging infrastructure at our parks and thanks to Centennial Grants and the generosity of public-private partners, we are able to distribute funds to rebuild our parks," said Zinke. "Using public-private partnerships to help address the deferred maintenance backlog remains a priority for the department and the Trump administration. Park infrastructure includes trails, signage, restrooms, lodges, roads, bridges and waterlines. These funds will help us continue to provide a world-class experience to visitors and ensure that these amazing places are around for future generations."

"Today, I stood alongside Secretary Zinke as he announced critical funding grants for Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park," said Gardner. "We must continue to be good stewards of our national parks and protect these treasures for future generations. I want to thank Secretary Zinke for highlighting a crown jewel of Colorado's public lands, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the dedicated park employees that care for this land every day."

"Many of the national parks that Americans treasure today would simply not exist without the strong partnerships and philanthropy that have benefited the national park idea for over a century," said

acting National Park Service director Michael T. Reynolds. "The Centennial Challenge program continues that proud tradition by matching dollars from Congress with generous donations from dedicated partners to make high-impact improvements in parks."

Examples of the more than 50 projects the Centennial Challenge program will fund this year using partner donations and federal matching funds include:

The War in the Pacific in Guam, which is part of the American Memorial Park, will receive \$7,500 to implement the Reef Ranger Summer Camp. Interior's partner, Pacific Historic Parks, will contribute \$7,500 for the same purpose.

Since 2015 the National Park Service has leveraged over \$45 million in funding from Congress through the Centennial Challenge program to attract more than \$77 million from partner organizations to support over hundreds of projects across the country that have improved visitor services and strengthened partnerships to reinvigorate national parks. For a complete list of Centennial Challenge projects and partners visit <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/nps-centennial-challenge-projects.htm>. **(DOI)**



## TAN HOLDINGS DONATES \$10K

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tan Siu Lin Foundation, the charitable arm of TanHoldings Corp., presented a check yesterday for \$10,000 to Triple J Saipan as a platinum sponsor of the first Triple J Family Fun/Run/Walk themed "Foam and Fun," to be held on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017, starting at the 4H building park on Beach Road in Susupe. Funds raised from the event will go to non-profit groups, Commonwealth Cancer Association, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Triple J plans to make this an annual event. Present for the check presentation were, from left, Raymond Zapanta, assistant manager, Tan Siu Lin Foundation; Merlie Tolentino, manager, Tan Siu Lin Foundation; Tracy Guerrero, Triple J corporate controller; Randy Steele, Triple J Motors general manager; and Jerry Tan, president, TanHoldings. For information on sponsorship, contact Tina Esteves at [marketing@triplejguam.com](mailto:marketing@triplejguam.com).



## Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 09, 2017

5:00 PM, Multipurpose Center, Susupe

Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • [www.zoning.gov.mp](http://www.zoning.gov.mp)

### A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 7/20/2017 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

### B. Public Hearings:

1. **Conditional Use Application #2017-2499:** Hon Yan International (CNMI) LLC dba Ladder Beach Restaurant is proposing to construct a building structure to operate a restaurant. This use is classified as "Restaurant, General" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 039 L 17 in Obyan. This area is zoned as Rural.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2017-2639:** L.T. Travel Company, Ltd. is proposing to occupy an existing two-story building consisting of 6 units for Guest House. This use is classified as "Guest House/Motel" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. E.A. 226-2-1-1 & 123 E 01 in Sadog Tasi. This area is zoned as Rural.
3. **Conditional Use Application #2017-3109:** American Sinopan, LLC dba Saipan Garden Resort is proposing to construct and operate ten 6-story hotel buildings with two hotel dining buildings with a total of 1,184 hotel units, a main lobby and administrative building, two 6-story apartment buildings with one club house facility, two 6-story staff housing buildings with a cafeteria, and two restaurant buildings. This use is classified as "Planned Development/Hotel" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lots No. 018 B 174, 018 B 102, & 018 B 103 in Tanapag. This area is zoned as Rural.

### C. Communication

### D. Old Business

### E. New Business

1. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

### F. Executive (Closed) Session

### G. Miscellaneous

- a. Other Matters
- b. Announcements
- c. Next Meeting

### H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogomoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman



## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2<sup>nd</sup> floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW/SWMD17-RFP-001

### PROCUREMENT OF SERVICE FOR REMOVAL, PACKAGING, CONTAINMENT, AND SHIPPING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS COLLECTED AT THE LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to Provide Procurement Services for removal, packaging, containment, and shipping of household hazardous waste materials collected at the Lower Base Transfer Station (LBTS), Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMII Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **\$70-30.3-210** of the regulations.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMII PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The Scope of Work is available on or after **July 19, 2017** at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950.

A Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. local time at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station on **August 09, 2017**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time **August 14, 2017**.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** This procurement is made in accordance with **\$70-30.3-210** of the CNMII Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Operation Plan – 40%
2. Past Experience on Similar Projects – 40%
3. Professional Qualifications – 10%
4. Financial Proposal – 10%

Cost is a factor that will be considered and will be evaluated in comparison with overall merit of proposals. Technical merit is more important than price, and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest priced proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase. Please include a project budget with your response.

Discussions may be conducted with the responsible firms who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being awarded for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing firms.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract. The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245 and must possess a valid CNMII Business License in order to sign a contract.

Award shall be made to the responsible firm whose proposal is determined in writing to the most Advantageous to the CNMII government taking into consideration price and evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/SWMD17-RFP-001"**. For Proposers within the CNMII, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 28, 2017** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMII may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 am, local time, **August 28, 2017**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For Proposers located outside the CNMII, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the US. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 28, 2017** AND must be received no later than **September 06, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMII government.

/S/ ANTHONY S. CAMACHO  
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAB  
Director, Procurement & Supply



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## EDITORIAL

### China chill: After this pause in trade talks, time to try again

American-Chinese trade talks started under the rubric of an ambitious 100-day U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue launched by President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping at Mar-a-Lago in April. They appear to have ended, for the time being, with a fizzle in Washington last week.

No joint action plan, no joint press statement or conference, and no date for a next round of talks emerged at the end. The U.S. delegation was headed by White House senior adviser and Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, Trump administration heavy-hitters all.

What they had sought was decisive change in trade policy that would result in a reduction of the deficit in U.S.-China trade, amounting in 2016 to \$347 billion. It was an important campaign pledge by Trump. Whatever might happen would have a strong impact on the global economy. Trade between the world's two largest economies represents a third of the world's economic output.

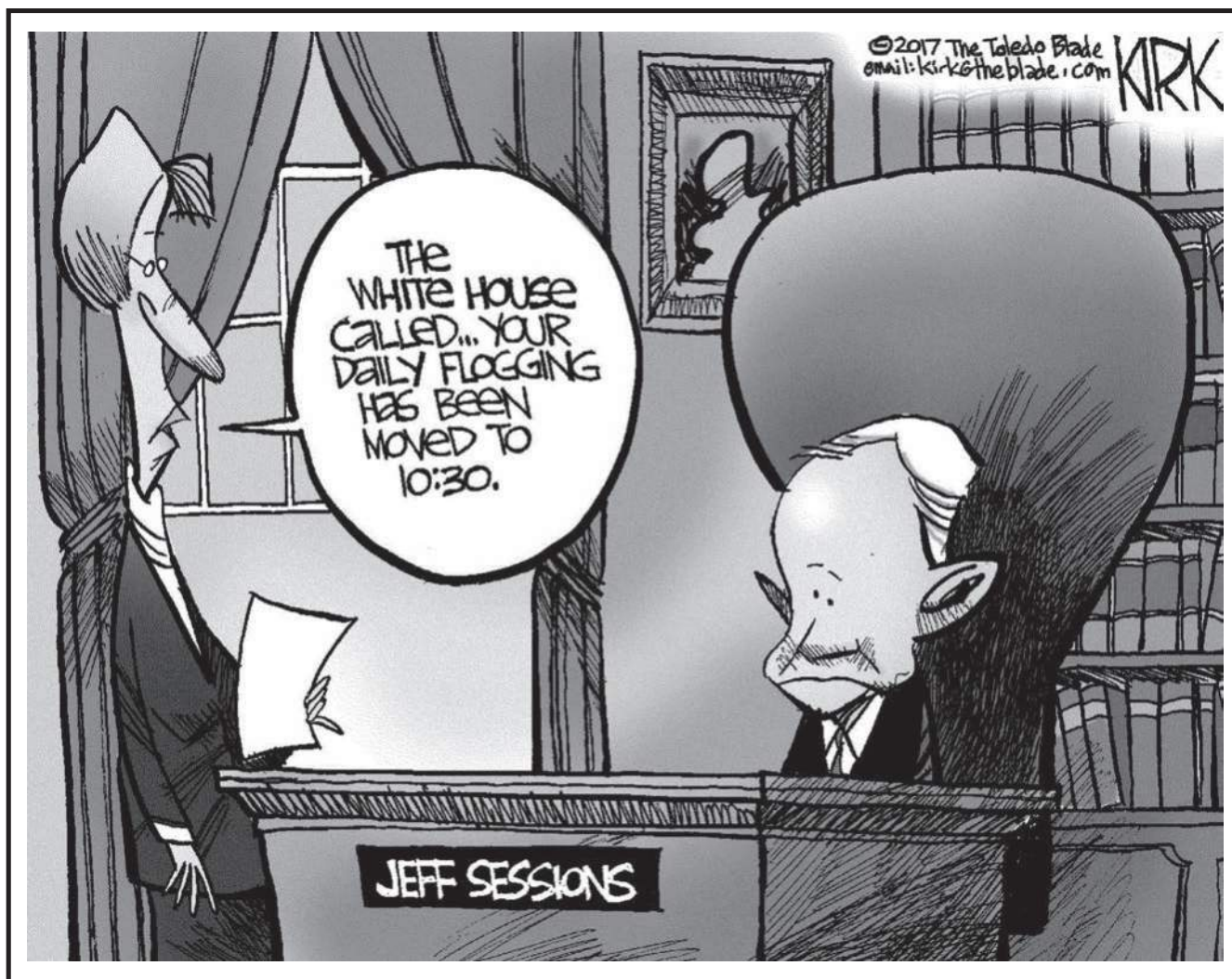
In May talks, China had opened the door to access for U.S. companies to the Chinese market in credit ratings, U.S. credit card sales, and U.S. beef and liquefied natural gas imports into China. Trump had suggested that he expected China to help deal with the ongoing problem of North Korean nuclear and missile development as well, but that he had seen no results in that area yet.

Left on the table was the threat that the United States would impose tariffs on the import of Chinese steel into the United States, another campaign issue. America imports 30 million tons of steel each year, 1 percent of U.S. total imports. The problem with using anti-Chinese steel tariffs as a weapon in trade bargaining between the two countries is that the largest suppliers of U.S. imported steel are Canada, Brazil and South Korea, with China 11th on the list. Nevertheless, the U.S. government should provide maximum help to support the American steel industry through existing laws and treaties against dumping and unfair trade practices.

Given the political as well as economic importance of the trade issue, it is important that this series of talks not come to nothing. The White House should be scratching its head at this point to think what can be done to breathe new life into the talks now, considering the unfortunate stalemate they seem to have reached. Tying the sensitive and very different North Korean issue to trade negotiations probably doesn't help.

The U.S. side should draw up some new talking points on an urgent basis and try again.

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### We continually ask ourselves 'what kind of day was it?'

WASHINGTON—"What kind of a day was it?" Walter Cronkite used to ask on his early weekly television program, "You Were There," that reprised significant historic events with viewers serving as eye witnesses.

It is safe to say that if Cronkite were still hosting this show, he would find enough drama in the current White House to fill a year's worth of programming. Take the recent dose of chaos served up by the former reality TV star and entrepreneur who won the presidential election ... you know the guy who lost the popular vote by nearly three million and who claims that was because of wide spread fraud.

First the man formerly known as "the Donald" shook up the staff that is supposed to keep us all informed, pushing out press secretary Sean Spicer and installing a director of communications whose name, Anthony Scaramucci, sounds like a legendary French sword fighter and who looks like he might just be one, although the Italian version. He is a pal of the Donald and a successful Wall Street financier who confesses that he loves his new boss although he once didn't.

He also is perfectly tanned, impeccably garbed in a suit that cost a month's wages for most folks and sporting a coiffure that obviously didn't come from Mayberry's Floyd the barber. Oh, yes, he knows nothing about the job. But then what can be hard about backing up the dissembling and disingenuousness that fills the rarefied air of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, much of it emanating from the famous corner office?

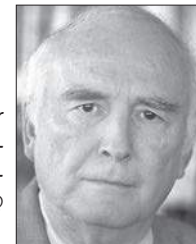
Standing nearby as Scaramucci appeared before the generally disheveled entourage of reporters in the White House briefing room was a study in contrast, at least in appearance—Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the deputy press secretary who had just been elevated to the main post that Spicer quit because he protested Scaramucci's appointment. She looked like the before and he like the after. Viewing her assemblage from top to bottom, I could hear my mother's assessment, "Poor child!"

Along with frumpiness, Sanders has the distinction of making "I'll have to get back to you on that" the most overworked expression in the history of the White House. The embarrassment of having the rug snatched from under her by the building's Su-

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preme Being who tells her one thing, then tweets another doesn't seem to embarrass her. Spicer should have quit much sooner.

On the same day that was occurring, the Donald's favorite law enforcement officer was pondering what to do about Trump's overt public criticism of his decision to recuse himself from the increasingly tense Russian investigation. Just about the time it looked like he was going to ignore the "I would never have appointed him" words from the boss, Attorney General Jeff Sessions was hit with a damning revelation that may explain why he was so quick to run away from the Russian affair.

The Washington Post reported that contrary to claims of no involvement with our traditional adversary while he was enthusiastically backing Trump as one of Alabama's two senators, Sessions just may have been discussing campaign strategy with the Russian ambassador to the United States. Sergey Kislyak was overheard by U.S. intelligence telling his Moscow superiors that he and Sessions had talked about the campaign in a meeting Sessions had portrayed as a routine visit, according to the Post. Ouch!

At the same time, Jared Kushner and his wife, Ivanka Trump, the first daughter, who both wield substantial influence in the Oval Office were back in the headlines. Turns out that Kushner failed to report 70 assets worth millions of dollars in financial filings required for White House aides. His lawyers said the oversight was "inadvertent," leaving us with the burning question of how one "inadvertently" forgets 70 assets? Never mind. It's probably fake news.

Meanwhile, with a gesture toward getting his Republican majority in line over at least one or two of his campaign promises, the one-time TV star is facing the reality of falling flat. Reform of health care reform still is a very long shot. If that can't be resolved, can taxes, immigration, and all the other quick fixes Trump blustered about to convince a base of frustrated voters that he had the answers succeed? Probably not.

"What kind of day, (week, month) was it? One filled with the events that alter and illuminate our times. The only difference was you were there." To which we might add, "Sadly."



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## Impottansian kredebilidat

**M**an-estaba `nos kuantos man-edukau na famagu-on-ta gi lamasa sige man-adiñgan pot sustansian kredebilidat (credibility). Namagof na eskalera `nai madiskute i asuntu pot metgot kinemprende yan kinimiten niha haf` na sumen impottante este na bittu gi offisiat publiku siha.

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`An ta bira guatu gi inefresin manma-elihe repara sa` todun man-mamatkila `nai ta tutuhun kumuestiona haf` na ha hatsa sueddun niha ya manmalefa ni 13-mit na empleau ni gumagana sueddun popble taimanu pinila` federat. Achog tana` suha sueddun otdinariu na empleau, i manma-elihe para u gana \$61-mit mas ke otdinariu na empleau. Estague` na puntu ti komprendiyun!

Malag manu i sensian kredebilidat guine na fache` sisonyan? Na la agañg sa` mampos ñañgun ineppin miyu!

### Attikulu Dose

Kada minañgau pulan ta diskute Attikulu Dose `ni lumimite dueñun tanu` guine gi natibu.

Mana` patte este gi papa` kontratan inakonfotma yan America (Covenant) pot proteksion natibu. Menhalum na probision pot mampus mandikiki` petlas atkipelagon iya Marianas.

Gi hilu` este na intension, hagas areglun tanu` guine i gaige dueñun i tanu` gi petsona `nai solu guiya siña dumispone propiadatña. Ennau na disposision ni unu siña umentalu`e. I uttimu disposision gaige gi dueñun tanu`!

Lau este na direchu gini` ut uttimu disposision ni Attikulu Dose gi haye siña un` bende ni propiadatmu. Kumeke ilegña na tautau tanu` ha` siña un` bende. Ti siña un` dispacha gi tautau hiyuñg.

Gi mismu tiempu i puntu hagu i dueñu. Kuestion: siña chine-ma` hau haf disposision-mu ni Attikulu Dose?

## Were the raw materials in your iPhone mined by children in inhumane conditions?

**L**ast year, I visited the sprawling mines of Cerro Rico, the “rich hill” that looms over Potosi, Bolivia. Four centuries ago, it supplied the silver that bankrolled the Spanish empire. Today, miners who work in the same tunnels as 16th century conscripted Incan laborers are providing tin for Apple products like the iPhone. It’s a powerful paradox—our most cutting-edge consumer devices are made from raw material obtained by methods barely advanced beyond colonial times.

Cerro Rico couldn’t be farther from Silicon Valley. Cigarette-scarred devil idols mark the mine entrances. Its support beams are split and cracked, and the air in the tunnels is thick with suffocating silica dust. According to a BBC report, the average lifespan of a Cerro Rico miner is 40 years. Worse, a UNICEF report found that children as young as 6 years old have worked in its tunnels.

Tin isn’t the only ingredient in an iPhone that’s obtained in ways that don’t quite match Apple’s “Supplier Code of Conduct,” which states that “all workers in our supply chain deserve a fair and ethical workplace.” In an effort to trace the origins of the iPhone I broke one—literally—into its basest elements. Among the things that became clear: Despite Apple’s not insignificant efforts, the richest, most influential player in the technology industry isn’t doing enough to protect the workers that provide the fundamental ingredients in its products.

My project started with a rock crusher and the help of David Michaud, a mining consultant with 911 Metallurgist in British Columbia. We smashed an iPhone 6, pulverizing it, and then analyzed the resulting dust using mass spectrometry, X-ray fluorescence and infrared analysis. Our efforts yielded a richly detailed list of what makes up the iPhone’s 129-grams.

The phone contained 31 grams of aluminum, nearly a quarter of its total weight. That was a little surprising, given how light aluminum is, but it’s fitting that the most abundant metal in the Earth’s crust is also the most abundant metal in the iPhone. Carbon and oxygen—found in the phone’s plastics and its battery—ranked

### Hinemlu`

Kulan ta pupulan haf` para uttimofia i Obamacare pot ayudun apas hinemlu`. Sige asuntu siha mana` fan siso` amaka gi sanhilu` na guma kongresson iya America. Mientras tantus, sige i rumesisibe este na ayudu machukan futtunan hagas man-malañgu, i man-malañgu pa`gu yan ayu para u fan malañgu dispues. Puede i uttimu resulta u faboraple gi man-inutet, man-amku` yan ti lumañgag apas hinemlu` gi hospitat-ta guine.

Mina` makat maseha haf` na tinilaika gi Obamacare para i man-amku` yan retirau pot esta masimientu i magagana kada mes. Esta ti u kahulu` `sino umenus haf` magagana pa`gu. Poresu na makat `an para u guaha maseha haf` na subida gi gastun insurers (insurance) hinemlu`. Puede lokue` u guaha mas mauleg na setbisu para todus.

Gi katkuet manera makat yan guaguan gastun hinemlu`. Piot ya sumaunau medikun espesialista un` ratutu ha` kahulu` gastun i malañgu. Kada biahe `nai ha upus halum i pettan i malañgu libianu ha tasa \$750 gi ora. Hombre guaha `nai mafachaleg na i medikun korason un` operasion nahuñg para u famahan un` Lexus! I puntu: `nai mattu gi attension medikun espesialista hoñgge na guaguan!

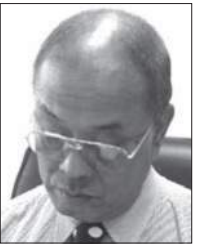
Este minalañgu, piot `nai un` resibe diplaman “tufai”, ni unu u soplu `nai maliñgu hagas fuetsudu na sensin tatautau-mu. Mas ñaba` kinalamten-mu. Dispues, guaha na uma`achaikag hau yan hagu mismu! Debi un` sattun oran usun komun sino ti un` gacha guatu, finalaguaihon hau. Dios mihu!

I tinilaika siha gi inamko`ta guaha `nai makat ta aksepta haf` mattu. Lau i pañgpañg napu un` klase ha` suniduña. Siempre tiniguñg napu u sige halum estake machalapun gi hilu` unai.

Dispues, i hinanau ha`ane esta pa`gu ti matulalaika: kahulu` i atda u gi sanhaya, machum gi sanlagu. Kulan hinanau tautau:

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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mafañagu, luma`la` dispues madispone. Natutuñgu`yu` `an kahulu` i atda u gi sanlagu!

### Inasi`i

Gi todun finapos-hu` `nai maluñu`yu` gi sisonyan tinailaye magahet na man-gu`otyu` mahetog yan inemug pot tautau-yu` lokue`.

Un` talo`ane gi halum katma yan hinimiddi hu`asi`i todus i humasñgune-yu` desde pinatgon-hu. Hu` konduse halum i Saina gi korasonhu ya hu` sotta todun gi disposisioña. Kanaha` hu` upus i lañget `nai mattu ayu na siñienten ñahlalañg giya guahu.

Libre espiritu-hu` desde ayu na talo`ane. I tinayuyothu huna` sasaunau kontodu man-enemiguhu. Esta namatman sa` uttimofia hu` gofli`e prohimu hu` ni hagas hu` beña.

Hu` tayuyute lokue` na guiya mismu hu` soda` kampu gi korasonha umasi`iyu` pot tailayen dinisehahu nu` guiya. Fan dispensa para un` madispensa. Tinagu` i Saina este ti tinagu`hu!

### Ekun Tano`hu

Gi chagu` na eku hu` huhuñgog kantan Hawaiian “Isle of Golden Dreams”, unu gi mas afamau na sunidun iya Aloha State. Ilegña patte na hu` huhuñgog ekun bos tano`-hu, kulan ha` a`agañgyu`, i gatbu na tano`, tai atparehu na islan oru gi guinefihu.

**By BRIAN MERCHANT**  
Los Angeles Times

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conditions seems to send the company scrambling. In 2016, the *Washington Post* revealed that “artisanal” mines in Congo, a prime source of cobalt for Apple and other companies, employed children and adults who dig by hand hundreds of feet into the earth for subsistence wages. Apple mapped its cobalt supply chain and promised to clean it up. But it wasn’t until Sky News aired footage of children working in the Congolese mines this year that the company pledged to cut off the source.

Of course, Apple isn’t alone in obtaining minerals from troubled mines and conflict zones. And it is undoubtedly true that establishing a clean, ethical supply chain is an enormous challenge. At Cerro Rico, for example, underage miners work in what you might call freelance cooperatives. They pool the ore they take from the mines and sell it to a middleman who in turn provides it to the smelter. The road from child-mined tin to an iPhone component is anything but direct and easy to police.






To effect real change, companies must dedicate serious resources and novel systems-thinking to the problem. And if any company has serious resources to spare it’s Apple: It’s the most valuable enterprise in the world, with \$256 billion in cash on hand.

If Apple expects to live up to its code of conduct, it needs to spend more of its billions to aggressively map and proactively investigate where all its elements come from, getting past the smelters and into the mines at places like Cerro Rico. When Steve Jobs introduced the iPhone, he said, “It works like magic.” Now Apple should turn its predilection for innovation and just-so design toward creating a state-of-the-art sustainable, ethical beginning-to-end supply chain—and a phone that is as humane to build as it is magical to use.

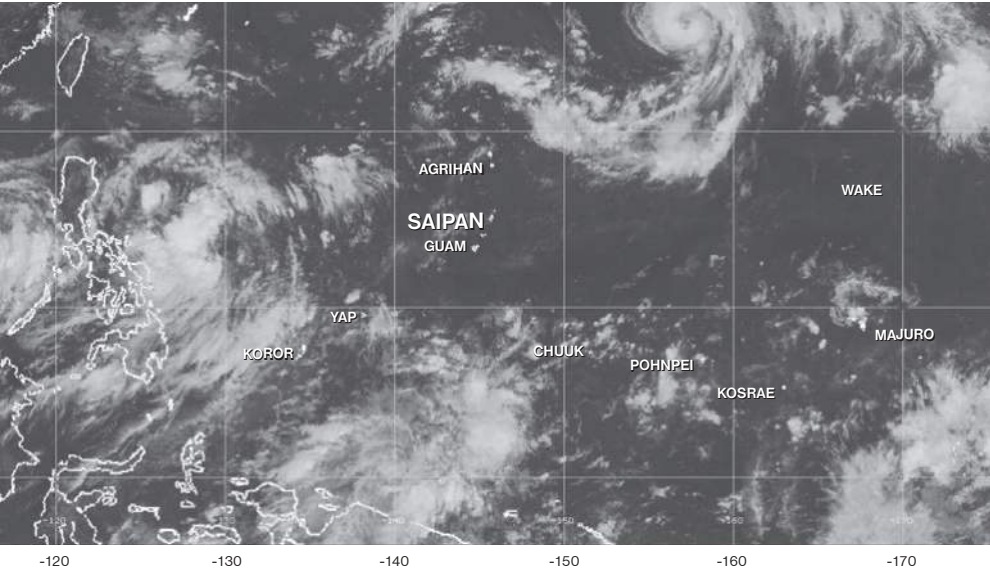


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. South winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. South winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



### PICTURE TIME: 5:20 AM, TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A fairly quiet pattern has moved into the Marianas and is expected to remain for the next week. There are several tropical systems around the area, with Typhoon Noru and Tropical Storm Kulap to the north, Invest area 90W to the northwest, Invest area 99W to the west and a monsoon trough just southwest of Guam. Meanwhile, a trade-wind pattern remains in place over Eastern Micronesia to the southeast. This has allowed a fairly strong ridge of high pressure to build into the Marianas from the east. This ridge will promote a fairly dry pattern with mid- and upper-level drying already evident on satellite data. This pattern is expected to remain over the area for at least the next week. The only potential for any significant rainfall over the next week is on Thursday, when light southwest winds are likely that could result in island showers over Guam.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°			
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°			
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°			
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°			
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°			
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°			
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°			

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Rain	59° / 48°			
Beijing	Showers	82° / 72°			
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	90° / 82°			
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 75°			
London	Showers	66° / 57°			
Los Angeles	Sunny	83° / 66°			
Manila	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°			
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57° / 46°			
Miami	Partly Cloudy	88° / 82°			
New York	Partly Cloudy	81° / 69°			
Osaka	Showers	93° / 81°			
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	77° / 63°			
Busan	Sunny	84° / 73°			
Rome	Mostly Sunny	84° / 66°			
Salem	Thunderstorms	91° / 73°			
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	62° / 53°			
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	91° / 73°			
Tokyo	Showers	82° / 73°			
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	85° / 73°			



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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:54 AM	LOW TIDE		0.92
8:56 AM	HIGH TIDE		1.96
4:04 PM	LOW TIDE		-0.29
10:45 PM	HIGH TIDE		2.00

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:56 AM	6:49 PM
Thursday	5:58 AM	6:48 PM
Friday	5:58 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:47 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	8:27 AM	9:12 PM	-
Thursday	9:22 AM	9:56 PM	-
Friday	10:15 AM	10:37 PM	-
Saturday	11:05 AM	11:18 PM	-
Sunday	11:55 AM	11:58 PM	-

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 22, 2017

DEPARTURES			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA63944:15am	5:05am	Daily	
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily
ZE582	4:45pm	8:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)			
JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	1, 3, 5, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL297	4:15pm	7:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:00am	1, 2, 4, 6 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	3, 5, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:40am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:40pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:40pm	2 via GUM-ROR
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
U043	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:20am	2:50pm	Daily
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:40am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
U042	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
U042	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
U042	6:10pm	1:00am+1	3
U042	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
U042	6:40pm	2:00am+1	7
UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily



# Business

## Yes, you can buy happiness—if you spend it to save time

WASHINGTON (AP)—Yes, you can buy happiness—especially if the money saves you time.

People who dole out cash to save time on things like housekeeping, delivery services and taxis are a little bit happier than those who don't, new research finds.

Researchers surveyed more than 6,000 people in four countries and also ran an experiment, giving people \$40 for two weeks. One week, they had to buy something material, like a shirt. The next week, they paid to save themselves time. People said they felt happier after saving time than buying stuff.

"Money can buy happiness if you spend it right," said University of British Columbia psychology professor Elizabeth Dunn, co-author of a study in Monday's *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The right way is paying someone else to do the time-consuming drudge work that you don't like, said study lead author Ashley Whillans at the Harvard Business School. When people do that, they report feeling greater life satisfaction in general and happier that day. But when they buy



AP  
In this Oct. 6, 2014 file photo, an example of a home delivered meal from Blue Apron seen in Concord, N.H. Despite the old saying, you can buy happiness, especially if you spend it to save yourself time, new research finds.

Not only is the phrase "money can't buy happiness" wrong but so is "time is money," Dunn said. Earlier studies show people are less likely to volunteer their time or help the environment when they think of time as money, she said.

Outside researchers in happiness praised the research.

"Research shows that people in rich nations are more stressed than people in poor ones, which at first does not seem to make sense. But part of the stress is this time pressure—too much to do and one cannot get everything done," said happiness researcher Edward Diener at the University of Illinois. "So buying time through purchases makes a lot of sense."

Whillans put her findings to the test when she moved from Vancouver to the Boston area. She paid for someone to get rid of all of the boxes from her new house and hired housekeeping and grocery delivery services—a change from graduate student life.

"I was surprised," Whillans said. "Wow, this really does feel great."

Similarly, Dunn had been fighting with her husband about getting a housekeeper. Now, she said, "I win" and they are getting a housekeeper.

## South Korea shifts gears, aims at more labor-friendly growth

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's new administration is shifting gears to achieve a fair and labor-friendly economy after decades of growth led by big businesses left many behind in economic prosperity.

In a five-year economic plan released Tuesday, the finance ministry said South Korea will boost household incomes and fortify its social safety net to address growing concerns about inequality. Under the plan, South Korea plans to sharply increase the minimal wage and unemployment benefits and impose bigger fines for unfair business practices, among other measures.

The plan also calls for improving transparency and governance at South Korea's family-controlled big businesses, or chaebol.

The announcement marks "a complete paradigm shift" in the South Korean economy, President Moon Jae-in said during a cabinet meeting, according to the presidential office's pool report. Citizens should feel during their daily economic activities that South Korea has become a fair and just country, Moon told minis-

ters earlier in the day.

Lynda Jones, a retired critical care nurse in Indianapolis, has been hiring a housekeeper since she got out of college and said it's the one thing that kept her

material objects, it tends not to bring people the happiness they expect, she said.

The ministry raised its growth forecast for Asia's fourth-largest economy this year to 3 percent from its earlier outlook of 2.6 percent, citing a recovery in exports and the government's stimulus plans. Next year, increased household income and more jobs will help support the economy to achieve 3 percent growth, it said.

South Korea's economic recovery has been picking up steam in recent months thanks to the global improvement in trade and its big exporters, in particular tech companies like Samsung and SK Hynix that saw record profits amid tight supplies and strong demand for computing memory chips.

But individual Koreans are feeling left out. They have thin social safety nets to help them when they lose jobs or when they become too old to work. Young college graduates are fretting about jobs amid high youth jobless rates while the elderly poverty is the highest among developed countries. The country has also struggled with stubbornly low birth rates for more than a decade.

from burning out in the high stress job. Now she also has a grocery delivery service.

"It's really not that expensive when you think about what my time costs," Jones said Monday. "You can always get money. You can't buy back time."

Earlier research found that using money to help others or have good experiences—like a spa day or travel—also make people happier than buying things, Dunn and Whillans said.

The survey was done in the United States, Canada, Denmark and the Netherlands. Except for the U.S., the countries

## In Google vs the EU, a \$2.7B fine could just be the start

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google's parent company Alphabet can easily afford the \$2.7 billion write-down it's taking to cover a big antitrust fine in Europe. But it might find it harder to shrug off the rest of the European regulatory assault that's headed its way.

In June, a European Commission ruling slapped down Google for abusing its market dominance in search by unfairly directing visitors to its comparison shopping service, Google Shopping, to the detriment of its rivals. The regulators not only imposed a huge fine, they also insisted that Google change the way it provides search results in Europe.

Alphabet is still mulling an appeal of that ruling, which could take years to get through the European Court of Justice. And that case is only the first of several such investigations that have embroiled Google

rank near the top of global happiness reports. In general, buying time increases Americans happiness about 0.77 on a 10-point scale, with similar increases in the other countries, Dunn said. That may not seem like much but it is statistically significant, Whillans said.

Income doesn't matter. Rich or poor, spending money to save time seems to make people happier, Whillans said. And if anything, the data suggested that people with less money were able to get a bigger happiness boost from time-saving purchases than those with more, she said.

Yet, only 28 percent of the

across the Atlantic, a situation that raises uncertainty about its ability to operate freely on the continent going forward.

### WHY EUROPE IS UPSET

After a seven-year antitrust probe, the European Commission concluded that Google stifles the ability of rivals like Yelp to compete. That's a different standard than in the U.S., where regulators tend to step in only when consumer prices go up due to monopolistic power.

Europe's top antitrust regulator, Margrethe Vestager, said Google "denied other companies the chance to compete on the merits." Google says it's giving consumers what they want: product listings with pictures and prices, saving them the trouble of repeating a search on another site.

In two other cases, the commission charges Google with

people surveyed spent money to save time, an average of \$148 per month.

In the \$40 experiment, the researchers picked 60 people at a Canadian science museum. When the people spent the money on things, their average happiness score was 3.7 on a five-point scale. But when they spent it to pay a neighbor's kids to do yardwork or get lunch delivered or take a taxi rather than a bus, their score averaged 4, a small but statistically significant difference, said Dunn, co-author of the book, "Happy Money: The Science of Happier Spending."

allegedly forcing its Android smartphone partners to favor Google's apps and limiting the way its ad-partner websites can display search ads from Google rivals.

An Alphabet spokeswoman said Monday the company had nothing to say on the matter beyond its blog response to the fine last month, in which it painted itself as an underdog in product search compared to Amazon.

### HOW MUCH GOOGLE COULD HURT

It's unclear how constraints on its behavior could affect it, but 33 percent of Alphabet's revenue—roughly \$8.5 billion in the latest quarter—came from the region it calls Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Beyond the fine, Alphabet faces a penalty of up to 5 percent of its average daily turnover if it doesn't give equal treatment to

rival comparison shopping services in Europe by late September. It's up to Google to figure out how to do so.

"These things tend to hobble a company's behavior even if there isn't a decision," says Jonathan Taplin, a former professor at University of Southern California and author of "Move Fast and Break Things: How Google, Facebook and Amazon Have Cornered Culture and Undermined Democracy." "I don't think it's the end, I think it's the beginning."

Google's previous offers to the commission to change its search results were rejected. That's why it's confusing trying to predict what a solution would look like, says Mark Ballard, head of research for Merkle, an ad agency that represents Gap, Crate&Barrel and other big online ad spenders.



# Nation

## McCain making dramatic Senate return for crucial health vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—John McCain will make a dramatic return to the Senate for a make-or-break vote on Republican health care legislation Tuesday just days after getting diagnosed with brain cancer, giving an emotional and arithmetical boost to his party's reeling effort to repeal Obamacare.

The decision by the 80-year-old senator to travel to Washington from his Arizona home was announced by his office in a brief press release late Monday night. It comes with the GOP bill to erase and replace President Barack Obama's law on the brink as Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pushes toward a pivotal vote Tuesday, prodded by an impatient and frustrated President Donald Trump.

"Senator McCain looks forward to returning to the United States Senate tomorrow to continue working on important legislation, including health care reform, the National Defense Authorization Act, and new sanctions on Russia, Iran and North Korea," his office said.

It was the latest head-spinning turn for legislation that's survived several near-death experiences in recent week. Now, it seems it could clear a critical hurdle Tuesday, a vote on beginning debate on a measure Republicans hope will let them deliver on seven years of promises tear down Obama's statute.

McCain's startling decision to return suggests McConnell believes Tuesday's vote will be successful—with McCain's vote.

McConnell, R-Ky., said he's "made a commitment to the people I represent" to



In this Sept. 12, 2000, file photo, recovering from skin cancer surgery, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., right, talks with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, on Capitol Hill during the Senate Commerce Committee on the Firestone tire recall.

undo Obama's health care overhaul, in what seemed a pointed reminder to Republican senators that they've made the same vow.

At the White House, Trump lambasted Democrats who helped enact the 2010 health care law and uniformly oppose the GOP attempt to scrap and rewrite it.

"They run out and say, 'Death, death, death,'" Trump said, with a backdrop of families that he said have encountered problems getting affordable, reliable medical coverage because of Obama's statute. "Well, Obamacare is death. That's the one that's death."

Some Democrats have said the GOP repeal effort would lead to death for patients who lose coverage. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has said various versions of the legislation would

mean more than 20 million Americans would become uninsured by 2026.

But Trump focused many of his remarks on GOP senators. McConnell is nursing a slim 52-48 majority, making McCain's return crucial. McConnell could lose only two Republicans with McCain present and just one if he's not.

"For Senate Republicans, this is their chance to keep their promise. Over and over again, they said, 'Repeal and replace, repeal and replace.' But they can now keep their promise," Trump said.

At least a dozen Republican senators have publicly opposed or criticized the legislation, more than enough to kill it. That's forced McConnell to step back twice from anticipated votes and to revise his bill in hopes of mollifying unhappy moderates and conservatives.

Moderate Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, remained opposed to beginning debate on any option McConnell has revealed so far, and other Republicans remained uncommitted. But senators and aides said talks were underway on issues including potentially giving states more leeway on using federal funds to help people losing Medicaid coverage.

"I think we're going to proceed to debate," Cornyn said. About McCain, Cornyn said, "It would help if he's here."

McConnell's measure would uproot much of Obama's law, eliminating its tax penalties on people not buying policies, cutting the Medicaid health care program for the poor and providing less generous health care subsidies for consumers.

Complicating McConnell's task, Ohio GOP Gov. John Ka-

## No Russia collusion, 'nothing to hide,' Kushner tells Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner answered questions from Senate investigators for hours behind closed doors Monday, acknowledging four meetings with Russians during and after Trump's victorious White House bid and insisting he had "nothing to hide." He emerged smiling to publicly declare, "All of my actions were proper."

Kushner, a quiet insider who generally avoids the spotlight, was the first top Trump lieutenant to be quizzed by the congressional investigators probing Russia's meddling in the 2016 presidential election. The wealthy developer-turned-presidential adviser spoke privately with staff

members of the Senate intelligence committee and will return to talk to the House intelligence panel Tuesday.

"Let me be very clear," Kushner said afterward in a rare public statement at the White House. "I did not collude with Russia, nor do I know of anyone else in the campaign who did so."

Trump watched on TV as Kushner made his appearance outside the West Wing and "thought Jared did a great job," said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders. She said his House testimony on Tuesday would show "what a hoax this entire thing is."

Earlier Monday, Kushner released an 11-page statement that was billed as his

remarks to both the Senate and House committees. In it, he acknowledged his Russian contacts during the campaign and then the following weeks, in which he served as a liaison between the transition and foreign governments. He described each contact as either insignificant or routine and he said the meetings, along with several others, were omitted from his security clearance form because of an aide's error. Kushner cast himself as a political novice learning in real time to juggle "thousands of meetings and interactions" in a fast-paced campaign.

His statement was the first detailed defense from a campaign insider responding to the controversy that has all but

consumed the first six months of Trump's presidency. U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia sought to tip the 2016 campaign in Trump's favor. Congressional committees, as well as a Justice Department special counsel, are investigating whether Trump associates coordinated with Russia in that effort and whether the president has sought to hamper the investigations.

Kushner said Monday he "will continue to cooperate as I have nothing to hide."

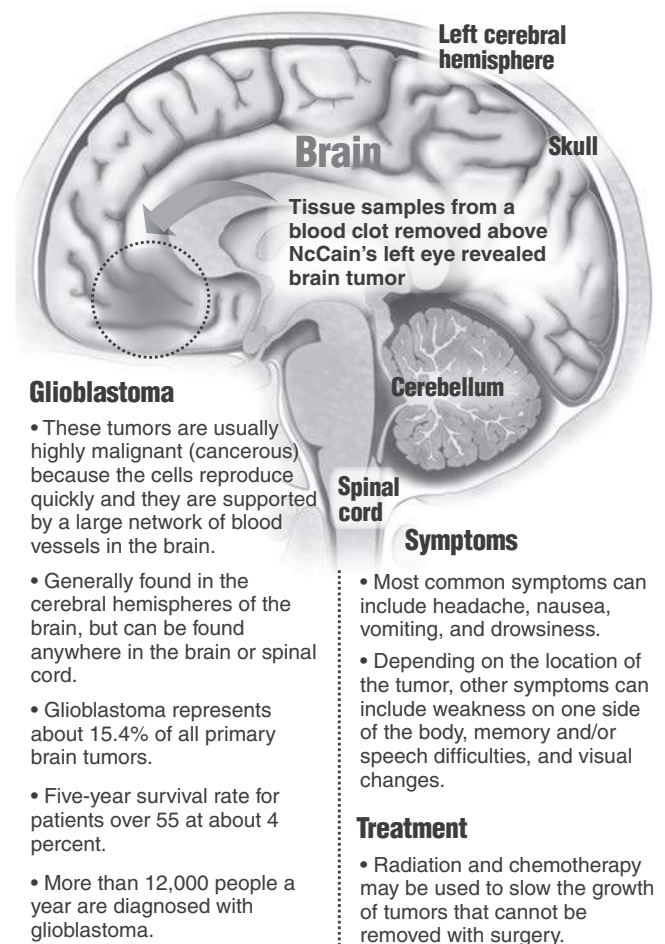
He provided for the first time his recollection of a meeting at Trump Tower with a Russian lawyer who was said to have damaging information about Trump's Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton.

sich said it would be a mistake for the Senate to move ahead Tuesday "and force a one-sided deal that the American people are clearly against."

Kasich's stance could make it harder for wavering Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who's criticized the measure's Medicaid cuts, to back the legislation.

## McCain diagnosed with brain tumor

Sen. John McCain, has been diagnosed with an aggressive type of brain tumor called glioblastoma



Source: American Brain Tumor Association, AP Graphic: Staff Tribune News Service

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Teenage driver livestreams crash that killed sister

FRESNO, Calif. (AP)—A teenage driver lost control of her car while she was livestreaming on Instagram and recorded part of the crash that authorities said Monday killed her younger sister in California. After a gap in the livestream, the driver is seen leaning over the body of the girl, trying to shake her awake and saying she was sorry. She said she expected to spend the rest of her life in prison but doesn't care. "This is the last thing I wanted to happen, OK? ... Rest in peace, sweetie," the teen says. "If you don't survive, I'm so (expletive) sorry." Authorities say Obdulia Sanchez, 18, was driving the car Friday when it veered onto the shoulder of a road about 75 miles (120.7 kilometers) northwest of Fresno. She overcorrected, causing the vehicle to swerve and overturn into a field, ejecting her sister, the California Highway Patrol said. Jacqueline Sanchez, 14, of Stockton died in the crash, Merced County Sheriff Vern Warnke said. Another girl,

also 14, was in the backseat and survived with a leg injury.

### Last orca calf born in captivity at a SeaWorld park dies

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—The last killer whale born in captivity under SeaWorld's former orca-breeding program has died at the company's San Antonio park. The Orlando-based company says 3-month-old Kyara died Monday. A SeaWorld news release says veterinarians were treating the calf for an infection last weekend, but Kyara's health continued to decline. The release says a veterinary team will conduct a postmortem examination to determine the cause of death. That could take weeks. SeaWorld announced the end of its breeding program in March 2016 following years of pressure and animal rights protests. Kyara was born to 26-year-old Takara last April but was conceived before the program's end was announced. Orca gestation can last up to 18 months. SeaWorld has 22 orcas left in the U.S. The youngest, Amaya, was born in December 2014.



# Asia

## Duterte vows end to uprising, 'jail or hell' in drug war

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte vowed Monday to continue his bloody war on illegal drugs despite international and domestic criticism and warned that offenders will end up in “jail or hell.” In his second state of the nation speech, Duterte also insisted he would not hold peace talks with communist rebels because of continuing attacks.

Security issues dominated his most important annual speech, including a disastrous two-month uprising by pro-Islamic State group militants in a southern city, the worst crisis he has faced.

Thousands of protesters marched outside Congress demanding he deliver on a range of promises which mirror the diverse burdens of his presidency, from protecting human rights to improving internet speed.

A look at the most serious issues confronting Duterte as he enters his second year in power.

### ISLAMIC STATE-LINKED SIEGE

Two months after more than 600 pro-Islamic State group militants blasted their way into the southern city of Marawi,



AP  
Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte addresses thousands of protesters following his state of the nation address outside the Lower House Monday, July 24, 2017 in Quezon city, north-east of Manila, Philippines.

### DRUG WAR

Despite criticism and threats of criminal prosecution, Duterte said his drug crackdown, which has left thousands of suspects dead, will go on. “Do not try to scare me with prison or the International Court of Justice,” he said Monday. “I’m willing to go to prison for the rest of my life.” He reiterated his plea that Congress reimpose the death penalty for drug offenders and others.

“The fight will not stop until those who deal in (drugs) understand that they have to stop because the alternatives are either jail or hell,” Duterte said, to applause from his national police chief, Ronald del Rosa, and other supporters in the audience.

During the campaign, he promised to rid the country of illegal drugs in three to six months and repeatedly threatened traffickers with death. But he missed his deadline and later declared he would fight the menace until his last day in office. When then-U.S. President Barack Obama, along with European Union and U.N. rights officials, raised alarm over the mounting death toll from the crackdown, Duterte lashed out at them, telling Obama to “go to hell.” Duterte’s fiercest critic at home, Sen. Leila del Lima, was detained in February on drug charges she said were baseless.

the military is still fighting the last gunmen — fewer than 100, about 10 of them foreign. Duterte told reporters after his speech Monday that the government counteroffensive will not stop “until the last terrorist is taken out.”

The crisis, however, may not end soon, according to Duterte, because troops have to move carefully to ensure the safety of about 300 hostages he said are being held by the gunmen. “I don’t want these innocent people to be slaughtered,” he said.

Congress overwhelmingly voted on Saturday to grant Duterte’s request to extend martial law in the south to the end of the year to allow Duterte to deal with the Marawi crisis and stamp out other extremist groups across the south, some-

thing five presidents before him have failed to do.

About half a million people have been displaced by the Marawi fighting. Some have threatened to march back to the still-besieged city to escape the squalor in overcrowded evacuation camps in nearby towns. Rebuilding Marawi will require massive funds and national focus and will be fraught with pitfalls. Amid the despair and gargantuan rebuilding, it’s important “to ensure that extremist teachings do not find fertile ground,” said Sidney Jones, director of the Jakarta-based Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict.

## Pakistan: Suicide bombing in Lahore kills 26, wounds 54

**LAHORE, Pakistan** (AP)—A suicide bomber struck near a police team in the eastern city of Lahore Monday killing at least 26 and wounding another 54, many of them police officers. An outlawed Taliban faction claimed responsibility.

Senior police officer Haider Ashraf said a suicide bomber on a motorcycle targeted police guarding a demolition site at Kot Lakhpat’s vegetable market on the outskirts of Lahore.

Ashraf said it was believed earlier that the bomb was in a car, but it was later discovered that the vehicle belonged to a police officer, among the eight officers killed.

He said many of 54 wounded are policemen and several bystanders were wounded by the impact of the powerful blast. Ashraf added that near the blast site a high rise building houses important information technology offices but the apparent target was the police gathering.

The outlawed militant group Tehrik-e-Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, confirming they used a suicide bomber on a motorcycle.

Rana Sanaullah, the home minister of eastern Punjab province of which Lahore is the capital, said anti-state elements who want to see insta-

bility in the country were behind the attack.

“No matter what name they use, these terrorists are one but they cannot demoralize the Pakistani nation,” said Sanaullah.

Malik Mohammad Ahmed, a spokesman for the Punjab government, said the blast occurred near the secretariat of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif but that he was not in the office at the time.

Sharif in a statement condemned the attack and called for the best possible medical service for the survivors.

The U.N. Security Council condemned “the heinous and cowardly terrorist attack” in the strongest terms and underlined the obligation of all countries to help Pakistan bring those responsible to justice. Members reiterated that “any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable.”

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres strongly condemned attack in Lahore and called for those responsible to be brought to justice, U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said.

“He supports the efforts of the government of Pakistan to fight terrorism and violent extremism with full respect for international human rights norms

and obligations,” Haq said.

Lahore has faced scores of terror attacks in recent years. A suicide bombing earlier this year killed 16 police on a busy road while another killed over 70 people during Easter last year.

Elsewhere in Pakistan Monday, gunmen riding on a motorcycle in Karachi opened

fire on traffic police officers, killing one and critically wounding another, said Rao Anwar, a senior counterterrorism police officer.

Anwar said the gunmen also snatched away a dead officer’s rifle and fired on another nearby police patrol but caused no casualties.



### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Indonesia navy denies wounding 4 Vietnam fishermen in clash

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Indonesia’s navy has disputed reports that four Vietnamese fishermen were wounded in a weekend incident that was the second clash between the two countries in the South China Sea in two months. Navy spokesman Gig Jonias Mozes Sipasulta said a warship fired a warning shot when two Vietnamese boats that were intercepted four nautical miles inside Indonesian territory on Sunday sailed toward its bow. In a statement released Monday evening, Sipasulta said reports of Vietnamese being shot were untrue. He said the two fishing vessels immediately left Indonesian waters after the KRI Wiratno-379 fired its warning shot. According to Vietnam’s Binh Din newspaper, which quoted boat captain Nguyen Thanh Ngoc, the Vietnamese vessels were within their country’s sovereignty, about 100 nautical miles southeast of Con Dao island, when attacked by the Indonesian

navy. Four Vietnamese were shot and wounded, two seriously, both who are now being treated in Ho Chi Minh city, according to the report.

#### Vietnam court tries woman for posting anti-state content

**HANOI, Vietnam** (AP)—A Vietnamese court was holding a trial Tuesday of a woman who posted articles and videos online that were described as anti-state propaganda. The trial of Tran Thi Nga, 40, was expected to last a day, said a court official in the northern province of Ha Nam who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing policy. State media say Nga was arrested in January while she was accessing the internet to post a number of video clips and articles that oppose the state. Human Rights Watch has called for her immediate release. “The Vietnamese government consistently goes to extremes to silence its critics, targeting activists like Tran Thi Nga with bogus charges that carry a long prison sentence, and subjecting their families to harass-

ment and abuse,” said Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director at Human Rights Watch, in a statement Monday.

#### Australia denies reneging on a UNHCR deal to accept refugees

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP)—The Australian foreign minister has rejected the United Nations refugee agency’s allegation that her government reneged on a deal to resettle some refugees who attempted to reach Australia by boat. The UNHCR said on Monday it had agreed to facilitate a deal in which the United States would take up to 1,250 refugees from camps on the Pacific island nations of Papua New Guinea and Nauru “on the clear understanding that vulnerable refugees with close family ties in Australia would ultimately be allowed to settle there.” But Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said on Tuesday her government had never wavered from its policy that no refugee who attempts to reach Australia by boat will ever be allowed to stay.



# World

## Charlie Gard parents drop legal fight, agree to let him die

**LONDON (AP)**—The parents of Charlie Gard, whose battle to get their critically ill baby experimental treatment stirred international sympathy and controversy, dropped their legal effort Monday, saying tearfully that it was time to let their son die.

At an emotional court hearing, a lawyer for the baby's parents, Chris Gard and Connie Yates, said the couple was withdrawing a bid to have Charlie sent to the United States, where a doctor had offered to try to treat his rare genetic condition. The decision came after new medical tests showed the 11-month-old, who has brain damage and cannot breathe unaided, had irreversible muscular damage.

Both parents wept in the packed courtroom at the High Court in London as lawyer Grant Armstrong made the announcement, his voice breaking.

"This case is now about time," Armstrong said. "Sadly, time has run out."

Outside court, Chris Gard said that Charlie "won't make his first birthday in just under two weeks' time."

"We are about to do the hardest thing that we will ever have to do, which is to let our beautiful little Charlie go," he said.

Gard and Yates, who are in



**AP**  
Chris Gard, the father of critically ill baby Charlie Gard finishes reading out a statement next to mother Connie Yates, right, at the end of their case at the High Court in London, Monday, July 24, 2017.

their 30s and from London, have fought ferociously for their son, who was born in August 2016 with mitochondrial depletion syndrome, a rare genetic disease.

The baby has been treated at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, one of the world's leading children's hospitals.

Doctors there say Charlie is in pain and further treatment would only increase his suffering. They have sought permission from the courts to switch off his life support and allow him to die peacefully. His parents have resisted, arguing that an experimental treatment could extend and improve Charlie's life.

The case gained international attention after Charlie's parents received support from Pope Francis, U.S. President Donald Trump and some members of the U.S. Congress.

On Monday, the Vatican

said Pope Francis was praying for Charlie and his parents, and urged the faithful to join him in prayer so that the baby's parents "may find God's consolation and love."

As the legal battle dragged

on, U.S.-based pro-life activists had flown to London to support Charlie's parents, and the case became a flashpoint for opposing views on health-care funding, medical intervention, the role of the state and the rights of the child.

Passions have often run high, with activists demanding "justice for Charlie" rallying outside the High Court and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Over the weekend, the hospital said it had contacted police after staff received abuse and threats.

Charlie's parents condemned the abuse, and on Monday thanked the hospital for the care it had given their child.

Some commentators portrayed the case as a clash between family and the state, and U.S. conservatives used it to criticize Britain's government-funded health care system—even though the case was never about money.

## After Mosul victory, Iraq mulls future of Shiite militias

**NAJAF, Iraq (AP)**—In the wake of victory against the Islamic State group in Mosul, Iraq's political, religious and military leaders are debating the future of the country's powerful Shiite militias—the tens of thousands of men who answered a religious call to arms three years ago and played a critical role in beating back the extremists.

Some are demanding the mostly Iranian-backed forces be disbanded but the militias say their sacrifices on the battlefield and the fact they were sanctioned by Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi have earned them a permanent place in the hierarchy of Iraq's security forces.

The Shiite militias stepped into a vacuum when the Iraqi army largely dissolved after IS overran Mosul and pushed within 80 miles (130 kilometers) of the Iraqi capital.

Shiite Sheikh Fadil al-Bidayri was among the clerics at an emergency meeting in the holy city of Najaf in June 2014, when Iraq's Shiite religious elite—led by the country's top Shiite cleric, Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani—issued a call to arms as a last-ditch ef-

fort to protect Baghdad.

Tens of thousands of men, many of them members of the long-established Shiite militias with close ties to Iran, answered al-Sistani. In the days that followed, Iraq was flooded with training, money and weapons from Tehran. Billboards praising the groups—depicting Iraqi and Iranian paramilitary leaders side by side—popped up across Baghdad, alongside posters of martyrs honoring the fallen.

The government-sanctioned groups became known as the Popular Mobilization Forces, known as Hashed al-Shaabi in Arabic.

Although the Shiite militias did not play a central role in the battle for the city of Mosul itself, they moved into the deserts held by IS west of the city, massing around the town of Tal Afar and taking a border crossing between Iraq and Syria. They also took control of highways bisecting the Sunni heartland in western Iraq and used as vital military and civilian supply lines.

In past fights against IS, including the operation to retake for the cities of Tikrit and Fallujah, the Shiite militias were

accused of sectarian killings and other abuses against minority Sunnis. They acknowledge some abuses may have occurred but say those responsible have been disciplined.

Over the past three years, as the military fight against IS in Iraq pushed the extremists back, Iran's influence in the country grew.

"We always knew that Iran would use this (call to arms) to increase its own power in Iraq, but we had no other choice," said al-Bidayri, recounting the meeting in Najaf and the panic-filled days after the 2014 fall of Mosul.

Al-Bidayri says now that Mosul has been retaken and the Iraqi military has been partially rebuilt, he believes the Shiite militias should be disbanded, to curb Iranian influence in Iraq and reduce sectarian tensions. The elderly sheikh, like much of Iraq's religious establishment in Najaf, is a staunch nationalist and wary of Iran's growing influence.

"From the very beginning ... Iran used every opportunity to get involved in Iraq," al-Bidayri said. "Each time they used the protection of the Shiite people as an excuse."

## Al-Qaida in Syria close to snuffing out competition in north

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Syrian rebels and activists are warning that an al-Qaida-linked jihadi group is on the verge of snuffing out what remains of the country's uprising in northwestern Syria, after the extremists seized control of the opposition-held regional capital, Idlib, last weekend.

With the jihadis cementing their authority over the city and its province, also called Idlib, Syrian President Bashar Assad has been supplied with a useful pretext for a long-expected assault against the rebellious province: that the uprising against him is largely driven by Islamists and terrorists.

"There is the real possibility that because of the Nusra Front's domination, the regime will enter the area with international approval," said Lt. Col. Fares Bayoush, a longtime opponent of Assad, who has been leading a rebel faction in north Syria.

The Nusra Front is one of the many names for the al-Qaida-affiliate that now heads the mighty Hay'at Tahrir al Sham militant group - Arabic for Levant Liberation Committee—that seized the city of Idlib, as well as two border crossings with Turkey

to feed its coffers. It is also known as HTS.

In July last year, the Nusra Front changed its name to Fatah al-Sham Front and said it was cutting all its links with al-Qaida, a move seen by many as an attempt to improve its image and market itself as a faction defending the Syrian people.

It abides by a deeply conservative code for ethics and jurisprudence and tolerates no dissent - leading many who live under its rule to complain they are no better than the government they sought to overthrow in 2011.

The fresh gains by HTS in northern Syria come at a time when the Islamic State group is suffering defeats at the hands of Iraqi and Syrian forces as well as U.S.-backed Kurdish-led fighters in northern Syria.

In Idlib demonstrations last week, the group's members shot at protesters waving the tri-color flag of the Syrian uprising. HTS will only accept their own, jihadi-inspired black flags to be flown in their presence.

"Any party that tries to confront HTS will be crushed," said an activist based in northwest Syria.

"This is a big blow for the Syrian revolution. Bashar will look like he is fighting terrorism," the activist said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals by the HTS.

With its previous incarnations, Hay'at Tahrir al Sham has long been the top dog in Idlib province but the putsch has had the effect of making it feel official. In recent weeks, the group deployed masked gunmen and carried out raids in search operations for alleged IS members.

HTS deployed across Idlib city last weekend after a rival faction, the ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham group, withdrew. Five days of clashes around the province left 77 fighters and 15 civilians dead, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group.

Other factions, including many once financed and armed in part by the CIA, kept to the sidelines. They are hoping to win a share of the revenues from the lucrative Bab al-Hawa border crossing, said a Turkey-based opposition activist who liaises with Syrian rebels and their state sponsors. He asked for anonymity so as not to jeopardize his position.



Focus

Smugglers offer crammed big rigs as ‘VIP treatment’ to US

Human trafficking

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. The International Labor Organization estimates that 20.9 million people are victims of forced labor globally.

Global estimate by form of forced labor

State-imposed forced labor: 2,200,000

68%

22%

10%

Forced labor exploitation: 14,200,000

Forced sexual exploitation: 4,500,000

Gender of victims

Male

Female

Sexual exploitation in private economy

98%

2%

Labor exploitation in private economy

60%

40%

State-imposed forced labor

42%

58%

Total

45%

55%

Age of victims

Children

Adults

Sexual exploitation in private economy

79%

21%

Labor exploitation in private economy

27%

73%

State-imposed forced labor

33%

67%

Total

26%

74%

Forced labor by region (per 1,000 inhabitants)

Central & South-Eastern Europe4.2

Africa4

Middle East3.4

Asia & the Pacific3.3

Latin America & the Caribbean3.1

Developed economies & EU1.5

Source: The International Labor Organization, 2012

Graphic: Staff, TNS



A bottle of water, flowers, candles, and stuffed animals help form a makeshift memorial in the parking lot of a Walmart store near the site where authorities Sunday discovered a tractor-trailer packed with immigrants outside a Walmart in San Antonio, Monday, July 24, 2017. Several people died and others hospitalized after being crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer in the midsummer Texas heat, according to authorities in what they described as an immigrant-smuggling attempt gone wrong.

**By ELLIOT SPAGAT**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN DIEGO** (A P) — When Thomas Homan, the acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, was awakened Sunday morning with news that migrants were found dead inside a sweltering tractor-trailer outside a San Antonio Walmart, his mind flashed back to 2003, when he stood at the back of a truck about 120 miles (200 kilometers) southeast of San Antonio that carried 19 dead migrants.

“It is sad that 14 years later people are still being smuggled in tractor-trailers,” he said. “There still isn’t water, there still isn’t ventilation. These criminal organizations, they’re all about making money.”

The striking similarities of the Texas tragedies demonstrate how smugglers have

found a durable business model carrying large groups—often in big rigs—through an elaborate network of foot guides, safe house operators and drivers. A criminal complaint about Sunday’s discovery that 10 were dead and dozens injured in the truck opens a window on their degree of sophistication and organizational muscle: passengers had color-coded tape to split into smaller groups; and six black SUVs awaited them at one transit point to bring them to their destinations.

Big rigs emerged as a popular smuggling method in the early 1990s amid a surge in U.S. border enforcement in San Diego and El Paso, Texas, which were then the busiest corridors for illegal crossings. Before that, people paid small fees to mom-and-pop operators to get them across a largely unguarded border. As crossing became exponentially more difficult after the 2001 terror strikes

in the U.S., migrants were led through more dangerous terrain and paid thousands of dollars more.

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, a political scientist who teaches at University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, said migrants she interviewed last year in South Texas paid \$2,000 to \$3,000 more to ride in the crammed tractor-trailers, considering them more effective, faster and safer than walking through the desert to a pick-up point far from the border. Hundreds of border crossers perish each year in the desert, getting lost and dehydrated in extreme heat.

The growing use of trucks coincided with increased trade with Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement, allowing smugglers to more easily blend in with cargo, particularly on Interstate 35 from Laredo, Texas, to San Antonio, Correa-Cabrera said. Walking in the open desert more easily exposes them to U.S. Border Patrol agents.

Women, some carrying children, think they are less likely to be raped on a truck than in the open desert because there are more witnesses, Correa-Cabrera said. Riding in a big rig, she said, is “the VIP treatment.”

For smugglers, the advantage of tractor-trailers boils down to scale.

“It’s like any other business: the more they move, the more profit they make,” Homan said. “Rather than taking four in a car, the profit margin on tractor-trailers is a lot more.”

Truck drivers are low-level cogs in a big machine, recruited in the U.S. at casinos and other places where smuggling organizations look for people who are down on their luck, desperate for quick cash and disinclined to ask questions.

James Matthew Bradley Jr., who made an initial court appearance Monday in San Antonio on smuggling charges, told authorities he was delivering what he thought was a sold vehicle from Schiller, Iowa, to Brownsville, Texas, and that he didn’t know what was inside, according to the complaint. He said he was given no deadline or address to deliver the truck.

Other guides take migrants across Mexico by bus. Others join them on a raft across the Rio Grande or through the desert to a hideout or to a nearby house where they may wait days or weeks. Eventually smuggling organizations get them to major cities like Phoenix, Houston or San Antonio.

“I have to imagine that their winning percentage is really, really high,” said Adam Isacson of the Washington Office on Latin America, a human rights advocacy group. “Whatever reputation they lose from episodes like this, their profit margins are still high enough to make it work. Otherwise people wouldn’t pay.”



# Good Housekeeping

## On Gardening: Silver Falls dichondra, ultimate spiller plant for baskets

By **NORMAN WINTER**  
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The past couple of years I have been amazed seeing the potential of Silver Falls di-

chondra in mixed containers. This plant often ignored because it's silver or gray and of course is a cousin to the weed we fight in our precious lawns. Silver Falls may be the ul-

timite spiller plant for baskets and mixed containers. While a showy trailer, Silver Falls will not become a nuisance. Instead, you will welcome this plant from Ball Horticulture's

Simply Beautiful line of plants with open arms.

Deciding just how long you will let those silver leaves trail is a big personal comfort zone question. Silver Falls can easily flow 6 feet over a hanging basket. I assure you this makes a dramatic statement as it plummets downward and sways in the breeze. If it passes your comfort zone simply snip it, no one but you will ever know.

Silver Falls silvery, shiny leaves and stems give a cool, soothing feeling to the full sun porch patio or deck where it is growing. It is drought tolerant and tough enough to take the torrid summer heat. In fact, this is one plant that when you return from a summer vacation, will still be alive and performing in your landscape.

Silver Falls is practically foolproof to grow. If planted in a mixed container, choose a good light, airy mix with good moisture and nutrient holding capacity. There is no fuss or muss, insect or disease pressures are practically nonexistent, and no pinching is required. Silver Falls also recovers quickly if wilted.

You may wonder, what color plant will coordinate



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Silver Falls dichondra has the ability to plummet 6 feet or more over the edge of a hanging basket, creating a strong vertical element.

with silver. To be honest, you can treat it like white and use it with anything. Silver Falls is an environmentally friendly plant making the grower look like he or she has a degree in horticulture and design.

Obviously, shades of pink, purple, lavender and blue are extraordinary, but on the other hand, I've seen it with lime green and was surprised by its showy display.

Silver Falls also offers great potential for a small spreading

groundcover. When used as a groundcover you will notice that it does form a dense mat choking out weeds. Try also in front of colorful foliage like Little Ruby or Purple Knight alternanthera, Mariposa or Redhead coleus and ornamental peppers like Purple Flash or Black Pearl.

Whether you are choosing plants for mixed containers or in the landscape, you want to select some with differing leaf and flower textures. Silver Falls will most assuredly give a unique and wonderful appearance all summer long whether plummeting over the edge of a container or a sea of silver as a groundcover.



Though we are rocketing toward the dog days of summer Silver Falls will thrive in the heat of August and last until the first frost of fall.

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Silver Falls dichondra falls over the edge in this mixed planter containing bromeliads and SunPatiens.

Excessive rain on plants promotes stunting, spots on foliage, decay on leaves, stems or fruit, wilting and sometimes death of the entire plant. Remove any diseased leaves or fruit from plants and from the surrounding ground as well. Disease spreads easily when leaves are wet, so avoid pruning or harvesting until the foliage dries. Stake plants to improve aeration, and improve soil drainage if it is lacking. Apply fungicide if needed.

Sources: [www.gardeningknowhow.com](http://www.gardeningknowhow.com)

- Brenda Weaver

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Silver Falls dichondra also works exceedingly well as a ground cover with other annuals or perennials.

### GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ONE

## Macaroni Salad

A classic macaroni salad is always a hit at any potluck party. This version is studded with an array of colorful veggies for a pleasing presentation.

8 ounces elbow macaroni  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup lowfat sour cream  
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
Kosher salt  
Pepper

3 peppers (1 each red, orange and green)  
2 stalks celery  
1 cup fresh corn kernels  
2 scallions  
1/4 cup finely chopped pickled sweet red cherry peppers (such as Peppadews)  
1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh cilantro  
1 jalapeno

1. Cook pasta according to

package directions. Drain and run under cold water to cool.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper.

3. Add the cooled macaroni and toss to coat. Fold in the peppers, celery, corn, scallions, cherry peppers, cilantro and jalapeno. Serves 8.

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## Life & Style

# A vacant White House job: first pet

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Politically ambitious pups and kittens: Put your resumes aside.

The job of first pet—an enviable White House gig with luxurious live-in privileges, after-hours access to the president and guaranteed positive press coverage—is not currently available.

That's because President Donald Trump is not looking for a fluffy sidekick at the moment. Asked about plans for a four-legged addition to the White House, Stephanie Grisham, a spokeswoman for Melania Trump, said in a statement: "The first family is still getting settled so there are no plans at this time."

If Trump stays pet-free, he will be breaking with a long held tradition of presidential pet ownership.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's had his beloved terrier Fala. President George H.W. Bush's English springer spaniel Millie was featured on "The Simpsons." When President Barack Obama's family acquired their Portuguese water dog Bo, it was big news.

"In the modern-day presidency, almost all of them have had a pet," said Jennifer Pickens, a White House social expert who wrote "Pets at the White House." Still, she noted, "all didn't necessarily have them at the beginning of the administration."

Power and pets have long gone hand in hand.

"For some reason people in power, they end up suffocating different opinions and dominating their staff, but they in some ways long for someone who will speak up to them, and a pet will," said Doug Wead, a former George H.W. Bush administration staffer who wrote books on presidential children and the 2016 campaign.

Wead noted that political pets can sometimes be used for, well, politics. He recalled an event after Millie had puppies that was "carefully choreographed so guests could see all these little puppies."

"It was calculated like a state dinner," he said.

While there have been notable pets in the White House for generations, Millie was the first modern White House dog, said Pickens. She added that Barbara Bush was the first one to "use the pet as a tool to reach out."

The former first lady wrote "Millie's Book: As Dictated to Barbara Bush," which reached the number one spot on the

New York Times nonfiction best seller list in the fall of 1990. The newspaper's description: "The memoirs of the English springer spaniel who lives in the White House."

Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1998 followed Bush's lead, with a children's book about family dog Buddy and cat Socks. "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets" featured photographs of the pets, details on their habits and more than 50 letters from children to the pets.

During President George W. Bush's administration, when the White House was closed for tours after 9/11, the administration tried to connect with the public through videos. Among them was the "Barney Cam" series of short videos featuring the Scottish terrier having adventures in the West Wing, with cameos from the first family and White House staff.

When he declared victory in the 2008 presidential race, Barack Obama told his daughters: "You have earned the new puppy that's coming with us to the White House." Several months later, Bo joined the family, a gift from the late



**AP**  
In this March 19, 1994 file photo, Socks the cat peers over the podium in the White House briefing room in Washington. Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1998 followed Bush's lead, with a children's book about family dog Buddy and cat Socks.

Sen. Ted Kennedy. Bo quickly became a household name, appearing on morning television shows and in videos promoting the White House Easter egg roll.

Some notable pets belonged to first kids, including Amy Carter's Siamese cat Misty Malarky Ying Yang and Caro-

line Kennedy's pony Macaroni. The Kennedy family had a veritable menagerie of pets, complete with dogs, cats, birds, hamsters and a rabbit named Zsa Zsa.

Going back in White House history, some presidential pet stories get more outlandish. According to the Presidential

Pet Museum website, President Martin Van Buren was given a pair of tiger cubs that he donated to a zoo and President John Quincy Adams was presented an alligator.

While Trump has not embraced presidential pet ownership, Vice President Mike Pence has picked up the slack.

The Pences have a bunny, Marlon Bundo, and a cat named Pickles. Another cat named Oreo recently died. And they just added two more pets to the household—puppy Harley and cat Hazel. They also installed a beehive.

Pickens said she doesn't know that it matters if Trump gets a dog, but she said they are "effective tools to connect with the American people and I think pets help humanize the presidency."

Of course, while pet ownership can provide personal and political perks, it can also go wrong. Former GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney was dogged by criticism for admitting that during a 1983 family vacation, he strapped his Irish setter—in a pet carrier—to the roof of his car for a 12-hour drive from Boston to Canada.

## Linkin Park releases statement about band member's death

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Linkin Park said their hearts are broken following the death of lead singer Chester Bennington, who died by hanging last week.

The rock band said Monday that the "shock waves of grief and denial are still sweeping through our family as we come to grips with what has happened."

Bennington, who was 41, hanged himself from a bedroom door in his home near Los Angeles. The Los Angeles County coroner ruled that the death was a suicide. A hired driver who was arriving at Bennington's home made the 911 call, saying a housekeeper found Bennington's body and alerted him. Loud sobbing can be heard in the background during the call.

The band started its statement with, "Dear Chester."

"You touched so many lives, maybe even more than you realized. In the past few days, we've seen an outpouring of love and support, both public and private, from around the world. Talinda and the family appreciate it, and want the world to know that you were the best husband,



**AP**  
In this June 18, 2014 file photo, members of Linkin Park, from left, Mike Shinoda, Rob Bourdon, Joe Hahn, Brad Delson, Dave Farrell and Chester Bennington attend an induction ceremony for the Guitar Center's RockWalk at Guitar Center in Los Angeles.

son, and father; the family will never be whole without you," the statement said.

Bennington was one of two lead vocalists for Linkin Park, which became one of the most commercially successful acts of the 2000s. They won countless awards, including Grammys, and their hits include "In the End," "What I've Done" and "Numb."

The group also includes

Mike Shinoda, Brad Delson, Dave "Phoenix" Farrell, Joe Hahn and Rob Bourdon. They said Bennington's "absence leaves a void that can never be filled—a boisterous, funny, ambitious, creative, kind, generous voice in the room is missing."

"We're trying to remind ourselves that the demons who took you away from us were always part of the deal.

After all, it was the way you sang about those demons that made everyone fall in love with you in the first place. You fearlessly put them on display, and in doing so, brought us together and taught us to be more human. You had the biggest heart, and managed to wear it on your sleeve," the statement continued.

Linkin Park had planned to launch a tour this week, but

canceled it following Bennington's death. They released their debut album, "Hybrid Theory," in 2000, and their most recent album, "One More Light," dropped in May.

Billboard says the band's latest effort, "One More Light," re-entered Billboard's Top 200 album charts at No. 17 on the most recent chart. The band's popular debut, "Hybrid Theory," checked in at No. 27. "One More Light" topped Amazon's list of best-selling albums Monday, while "Hybrid Theory" was fifth.

More than 11 million copies of "Hybrid Theory" have sold since it was first released in 2000. The band's 2003 follow-up, "Metemora," was at No. 41 on the Billboard list, while 2007's "Minutes to Midnight" was at No. 115.

"Our love for making and performing music is inextinguishable. While we don't know what path our future may take, we know that each of our lives was made better by you," the statement read. "Thank you for that gift. We love you, and miss you so much."

The band signed off with, "Until we see you again."



# 'Despacito' singers veto Venezuelan leader's campaign remix



In this April 27, 2017 file photo, singers Luis Fonsi, left and Daddy Yankee perform during the Latin Billboard Awards in Coral Gables, Fla.

AP

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—There's a new take on the hit Latin pop song "Despacito." And this one is not garnering accolades from its producers.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro premiered a remix of the song by Puerto Rican duo Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee Sunday, transforming the record-setting single about a slow, romantic seduction into a campaign jingle for his contested constitution rewrite.

"For the unity and peace of our country," the remix begins. "The constituent assembly moves forward."

Fonsi and Daddy Yankee

took to social media Monday to veto the new spin on their song, which recently became an even bigger hit with a remix featuring Justin Bieber.

"My music is for everyone to listen to and enjoy, not to be used as propaganda that intends to manipulate the will of a people who are screaming for their liberty and a better future," Fonsi said in a message posted to his Twitter account.

"What can you expect from a person who has robbed the lives of so many young people filled with dreams?" Daddy Yankee said on Twitter, along an image picturing a news story about Maduro's take on

the song crossed out in red. "That you illegally appropriate a song (Despacito) doesn't compare with the crime you commit and have committed in Venezuela."

Maduro is pressing forward with his pledge to hold a July 30 election to select delegates to a special assembly that will be tasked with rewriting the troubled nation's constitution despite international outcry and a protest movement that has left at least 97 dead.

More than 7.5 million Venezuelans recently voted in a symbolic referendum against the constituent assembly and the opposition has vowed to

hold a 48-hour strike in protest this week.

Opposition leaders fear Maduro will use the constitution rewrite to further consolidate his power and silence any critical voices.

Supporters of the president swayed to the catchy remix while dressed in matching T-shirts and baseball caps featuring campaign slogans Sunday. Maduro often sings and dances while giving forceful speeches aired on state television.

"Is that video approved?" he asked after the song concluded.

"Yes!" the crowd respond-

ed in unison.

Panamanian singer Erika Ender, who composed the song with Fonsi, also gave thumbs down to the new recording.

"To see a song that I co-

wrote used without permission to promote campaigns tied to the regime that has a country unhappy and suffering, far from making me happy, enrages me," she wrote on Instagram.

## Bieber cancels rest of tour due to 'unforeseen circumstances'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Justin Bieber is canceling the rest of his Purpose World Tour "due to unforeseen circumstances."

His representatives didn't offer details about the cancellation in a statement released Monday but said the singer "loves his fans and hates to disappoint them."

"However, after careful consideration he has decided he will not be performing any further dates," the statement read.

Bieber has been on the tour for the last 18 months, playing more than 150 shows on six continents. The Grammy winner's upcoming shows included stops in the U.S. and Canada, including the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford,

New Jersey, and the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

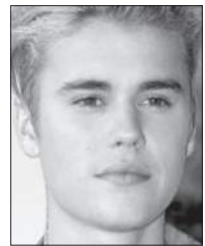
The pop star was supposed to wrap the tour in Asia in September. The tour cancellation comes days after the Beijing

Municipal Bureau of Culture said that it won't be inviting Bieber to perform in the country because of his past "bad behavior." During his 2013 visit to China, he drew criticism when pictures

showed him being carried up the Great Wall of China by a pair of bodyguards.

Bieber was planned to perform shows in Tokyo, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore and Indonesia.

Tickets for all of his canceled dates will be refunded at point of purchase.



Bieber

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Chris Harrison, Sage Steele to return as Miss America hosts

**NEW YORK** (AP)—ABC says Chris Harrison and Sage Steele are returning to host "The 2018 Miss America Competition." Harrison's other TV duties include ABC's "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette," and the syndicated game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." He returns for his ninth time presiding over the "Miss America" telecast. ESPN commentator Steele will be making her second appearance as co-host. The 97th "Miss America" pageant will air live from the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Sept. 10 on ABC.

### Trump tells reporter to be "quiet"

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump told a reporter asking questions Monday to be "quiet." A White House reporter called out questions as Trump posed for photographs with interns in the East Room. Asked if Attorney General Jeff Sessions should resign, Trump rolled his eyes. When the reporter asked the president if he had a message on health care, Trump said "quiet." The president then told the interns that the reporter "was not supposed to do that" and was "breaking a code." Reporters typically call out questions to the president when covering photo ops or bill signings. The president frequently answers. Trump last week named Wall Street financier Anthony Scaramucci as his new communications director. Scaramucci has said he'd like to hit the "reset button" with the media.

### Publisher withdraws book on Mandela health after complaints

**JOHANNESBURG** (AP)—South African media say a publisher withdrew a book that documents Nelson Mandela's medical treatments following complaints that the book violates doctor-patient confidentiality. Nkosi Mandela, a grandson of the late anti-apartheid leader, president and Nobel laureate, said Monday that the removal from stores of "Mandela's Last Years" showed respect for the family's wishes "to guard the sanctity of his last moments." A South African news outlet, eNCA, says Mandela's foundation also welcomed the decision by publisher Penguin Random House. The book was written by retired military doctor Vejay Ramlakan, who treated the ailing statesman and says Mandela's family requested that the book be written. Ramlakan has not named the family members he says authorized the book. Mandela suffered a lung infection and other ailments before he died in 2013 at age 95.

## 'Game of Thrones' actor who played Hodor DJs in Las Vegas

**LAS VEGAS** (AP)—The actor who played a gentle giant named Hodor in the HBO show "Game of Thrones" has made his Las Vegas pool party debut.

The Las Vegas Review-

Journal report Irish actor Kristian Nairn performed as the DJ on Sunday at The Linq Hotel.

The set marked his third gig in Las Vegas, with prior shows taking place at Ghostbar in the Palms and Sush-

isamba in the Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian.

In honor of Sunday's performance, a throne made of pool noodles sat in front of the DJ booth, huge inflatable golden dragons floated in the pool,

and "Game of Thrones" banners were pinned up around the pool deck.

Nairn says people are always sweet to him because of their love for his character Hodor.

## Actor John Boyega wanted to challenge self with "Detroit"

**DETROIT** (AP)—"Detroit" star John Boyega says his new movie may be set a half-century ago, but it explores issues that remain relevant.

"We're dealing with systematic racism. We're dealing with social unrest. We're dealing with an uprising. And these are stories that reflect until today—especially police brutality," Boyega told The Associated Press during an interview Monday.

The London-born actor was in Detroit promoting the film of the same name. Directed by Oscar-winner Kathryn Bigelow, "Detroit" is a drama about the 1967 riot. The movie, which opens Aug. 4, also stars Anthony Mackie and John Krasinski.

"I was at a point where I had done a few projects, and I wanted to challenge myself," Boyega said "And when 'Detroit' came on my radar, it felt



This image released by Annapurna Pictures shows John Boyega in a scene from "Detroit."

AP

like a godsend to obviously have this kind of project, this kind of script.

"But at the same time, Kathryn as a director, she's unique in her process, and it just so happens to suit me."

One of the "few projects" Boyega has done happens to be one of the biggest film fran-

chises of all time. He starred as Finn in 2015's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," and reprises the role in the sci-fi saga's eighth installment, "The Last Jedi," which is due out at the end of the year.

Asked whether audiences should be excited about the new "Star Wars" film, Boyega

laughed and said: "Should people be excited? Of course they're going to be excited. You know, it's 'Star Wars.' Yeah, they should be."

Following the AP interview, Boyega and a few others actors from "Detroit" set about packaging food at Gleaners Community Food Bank, popping canned goods into plastic bags, all of which later will be distributed to families throughout the Detroit area.

Boyega said he's "here to help out."

"You know, package some food, be a positive impact to the community. I think 'Detroit,' it's not just a commercial movie. I think the intention from the beginning was to be a part of the community and for this movie to have a positive impact."

"Detroit" will have its premiere in the city on Tuesday at the Fox Theatre.



# George RR Martin working on next 'Song of Ice and Fire'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—George RR Martin says the next "Song of Ice and Fire" book has a real chance of coming out in 2018.

But don't count on it yet.

In a weekend posting on his website, Martin wrote that he's working hard on "The Winds of Winter," the long-awaited sixth volume in the series adapted into the HBO hit "Game of Thrones." He added that he has "good days and bad days" and is still months away from finishing. Meanwhile, he thinks it's "likely" that he'll have his first "Fire and Blood" book out by late 2018 or early 2019. The new book is a history of House Targaryen, which has the motto "Fire and Blood."

His conclusion: one, maybe two Westeros books in 2018.

AP  
In this March 12, 2012 file photo, George R.R. Martin, author of the popular book series "A Song of Ice and Fire," which inspired the hit HBO series "Game of Thrones" poses in Toronto.



## No Fox apology in fight with New York Times about raid story

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Fox News Channel on Monday clarified but didn't apologize for a weekend segment that The New York Times said falsely accused the newspaper of revealing intelligence information that enabled Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi to elude capture by U.S. forces two years ago.

Times spokeswoman Danielle Rhoades Ha said Fox was guilty of "sheer hypocrisy" because the network had also reported about a U.S. raid that netted valuable intelligence soon after it took place.

The dispute between the news outlets was magnified by White House attention. A "Fox & Friends" report on Saturday was headlined "NYT foils U.S. attempt to take out al-Baghdadi." President Donald Trump apparently was watching, because less than a half-hour later he tweeted that the Times

"foiled U.S. attempt to kill the single most wanted terrorist, Al-Baghdadi. Their sick agenda over National Security."

The issue surfaced following a Friday interview of Gen. Tony Thomas, head of the U.S. special operations command, by Fox correspondent Catherine Herridge. They talked about a May 16, 2015, raid in Syria, where U.S. forces killed a top al-Baghdadi aide and captured his wife. Thomas said the raid garnered a valuable lead that could have led the U.S. to al-Baghdadi but it went cold after it was leaked "in a prominent U.S. newspaper" about a week later. Herridge, writing for Fox's website, tied it to the Times.

The Pentagon announced the raid the day after it happened, and it was widely reported—including by Herridge, who said on "Fox News Sunday" on May 17 that "a

treasure trove of information" was gathered.

The Times published a more detailed story on June 8, 2015, about some of the intelligence gathered in the raid, and that was apparently the story to which Thomas referred.

The Times said that story was described to officials in the Pentagon before it was published and no objections were raised. The newspaper said no senior American official complained publicly about the story until now.

Furthermore, the Times said it stretches credulity to think the security-conscious al-Baghdadi would not have taken steps to protect himself more than three weeks after learning about the raid.

Rhoades Ha said no one from Fox contacted the Times for comment before Herridge's piece was published. She said the online story was

changed to reflect comment from the Times after the newspaper reached out.

Fox host Pete Hegseth repeatedly referred to the "failing" New York Times, echoing the descriptive phrase the Republican president frequently uses. Hegseth said the Times "is not just failing in its credibility. It's failing our country."

"It's failing the American people," co-host Abby Huntsman said.

## Phelps loses by 2 seconds to simulated shark in 'Shark Week'

Michael Phelps has finally met his match in the water: a "great white shark."

The Olympic champion swimmer was bested Sunday night in the Discovery Channel's Shark Week special "Phelps vs. Shark: Great Gold vs. Great White."

But Phelps didn't swim

## Hilary Duff thankful no one hurt in burglary at home

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A representative for Hilary Duff calls a burglary at the star's Beverly Hills home "a scary and upsetting situation."

Publicist Erica Gerard says Duff is thankful her family and staff weren't hurt in the burglary last week, which was reported by TMZ on Sunday.

TMZ says Duff was vacationing in Canada at the time of the incident and the thieves made off with hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars in jewelry. Los Angeles police would confirm only that a burglary took place in Duff's neighborhood and that the owner was not home at the time.

Gerard says Duff "has a significant security team in place that will work with the authorities on this incident and handle security measures moving forward."

The 29-year-old actress and singer stars on TV Land's "Younger."

## U2's Bono meets French President Macron to discuss poverty issues

**PARIS (AP)**—French President Emmanuel Macron has received pop singer and philanthropist Bono at the Elysee Palace in Paris for talks about poverty.

Bono met with Macron for over an hour Monday to discuss the U2 front man's non-governmental organization ONE, which—its website says—takes "action to end extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa."

Accompanied by French

first lady Brigitte Macron afterward, Bono said one of the main issues in the fruitful talks was the education of girls and women in Africa.

Bono, a high-profile activist, is no stranger to the French presidential palace, having met former Presidents Jacques Chirac, Nicolas Sarkozy and Francois Hollande.

The singer was awarded the Legion of Honor, the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, in 2003.



Phelps

a shark's powerful tail. He finished the 100-meter race in 38 seconds, two seconds slower than the simulated shark.

Phelps tweeted Sunday that he'd like a rematch, but in warmer water. (AP)

## Irresponsible boyfriend earns nothing but woman's anger

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend cheated on me the whole time I was pregnant last year. He lived in Florida, and I lived in Missouri. He didn't make it back for our son's birth like he promised.

Now that he's back, he stays out all night. He won't get a job to help support our family. He lies in bed all day, gets so drunk he can't drive and doesn't help out around the house, either. It's obvious that I should let him go. I'm 11 years older than he is, and he obviously isn't ready to grow up, even though he's 30.

I love him, but I'm tired of being treated this way. How can I get over this?

CAN'T LET GO IN KANSAS CITY

**DEAR CAN'T LET GO:** You say you are tired of being treated that way? Congratulations on your burst of clarity. It has finally dawned on you that you have been enabling a lazy, ungrateful, irresponsible freeloader who has no respect for you or his child.

This isn't "love." You should have realized you would be raising two children when he didn't care enough to show up for the birth of the baby. Do what you know you must: Kick him out and move on.

**DEAR ABBY:** Last year was my son's first year in kinder-

garten. A child who was allergic to peanuts and soy, among other things, was in his class. Therefore, as a working mom, quick-fix peanut butter sandwiches were out of the question. The school is very cautious. They actually had a separate table in the cafeteria for children with allergies.

What started to bother me was the fact that because one child had allergies, treats for the other 20 kids were prohibited—birthday cakes, candies, cookies, anything with eggs, etc. This has continued into Boy Scouts. Again, all the children have to go without because of this one child.

What is appropriate? Must all 20 kids accommodate one so he doesn't feel left out, or does his mom start teaching her child that he has allergies and there are foods he can't have? They aren't going to make a college dorm free of peanut butter. Shouldn't he start to understand that now, or must everyone adapt to his strict diet to make him comfortable?

I want to be able to make gingerbread houses during the holiday season and have eggnog with the kids. I understand I should be grateful my child doesn't suffer from these allergies, but what are the boundaries?

JUST NEED TO KNOW IN CONNECTICUT

**DEAR JUST:** This precaution is not meant to be an in-

## DEAR ABBY

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convenience for you. It is meant to save lives. If you wish to create gingerbread houses and make special treats for your children and their playmates, nothing is stopping you. But they should not be taken to school if there is any chance the classmate with allergies could somehow get ahold of one of them. It's common for children to trade lunches or share the components with a friend, and one mistake could result in a trip to the hospital or worse.

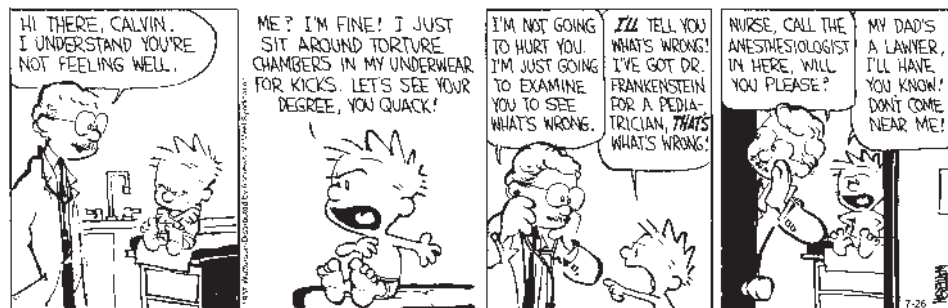
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



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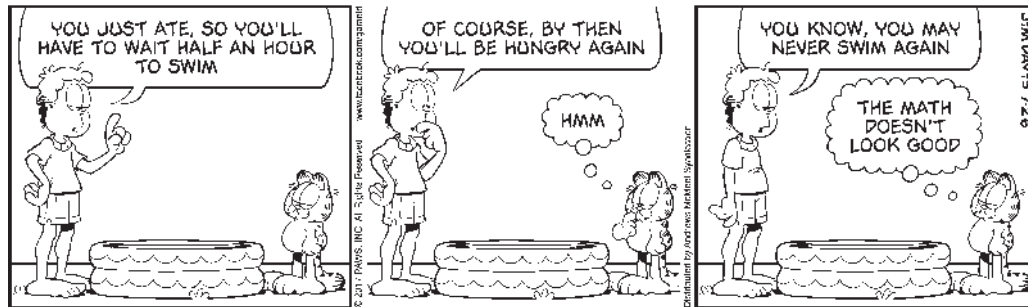
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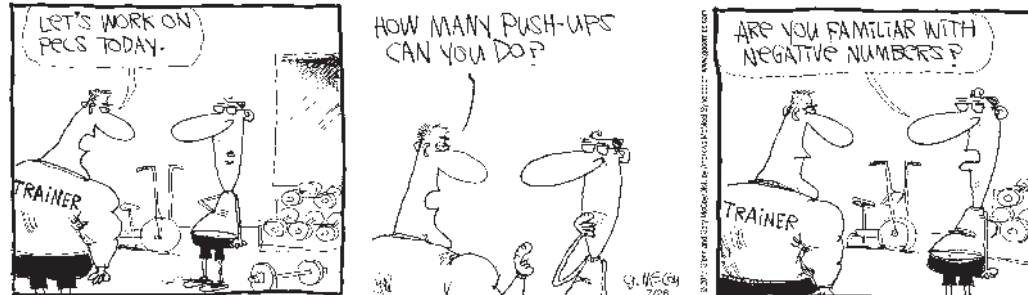
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**Yesterday's answer 7-26**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Jeremy Piven, 52; Sandra Bullock, 53; Kevin Spacey, 58; Helen Mirren, 72.

**Happy Birthday:** Deliberate before you make a choice or a change. Uncertainty will prevail if you let your emotions take over or put yourself in a vulnerable position when dealing with people who put demands on you. Learn to say "no" if you want to avoid being used. It's up to you to call the shots. Your numbers are 3, 11, 22, 30, 37, 45, 48.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Emotional problems will surface if you aren't responsive or willing to communicate about matters that are troubling you. Don't sulk when all you have to do is ask questions and take action based on the facts you gather. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take part in cultural events, travel for business purposes or do your best to deal with issues concerning children, investments or seniors in your family. Taking care of personal affairs will ease stress. Offer understanding and worthwhile solutions. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Worries regarding children or elders in your family will surface. Be careful how you handle situations that pertain to other people's financial, health or legal affairs. Offer sound advice, but don't meddle or you will be blamed. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Say what's on your mind. Expressing your feelings may not sit well with everyone, but if it clears up uncertainty and helps you or someone else move forward, it will be worth it.

Don't be afraid to head down a unique or unfamiliar path. \*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Slow down. Mistakes will be made if you are too impulsive. Consider your options and the possible ramifications of your choices. Don't give in to pressure or those trying to put demands on you and what you do. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Emotional matters will escalate. Avoid a confrontation with anyone spouting unreasonable demands. Take a step back and rethink your options. Don't neglect your responsibilities because you are worried about what others think or do. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Keep a close watch over your possessions, assets and your personal information. Don't give anyone the chance to take advantage of you or to disrupt your routine. Change is only good if it benefits you. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Get involved in things that interest you, but don't feel the need to help someone who takes advantage of the talent, skills or services you can offer. Build relationships that offer mutual benefits and they will blossom into something special. \*\*\*\*\*

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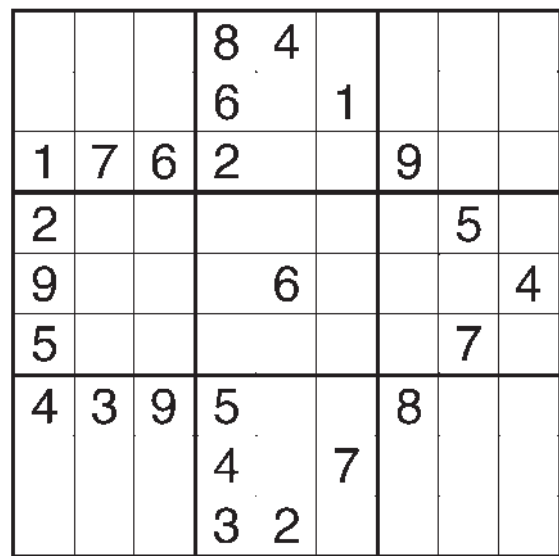
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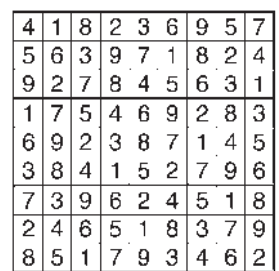


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# Engel, Davidson homer as White Sox end 9-game losing streak



## CHICAGO

(AP)—Adam Engel and Matt Davidson homered as the White Sox ended a nine-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over the crosstown rival Cubs at Wrigley Field on Monday.

The Cubs lost for just the second time in 10 games following the All-Star break to fall a half-game behind idle first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central.

Engel lined his third homer of the season off reliever Justin Grimm (1-1) into the wind and several rows into the left-center bleachers to snap a 1-1 tie in the sixth. Davidson led off the eighth with his 19th homer, which sailed over the left-field stands and onto Waveland Avenue.

Miguel Gonzalez (5-9) allowed one run and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings to end a four-game losing streak and win for just the second time in 11 decisions.

Jose Abreu had two hits and doubled in a run for the AL-worst White Sox, who ended their longest slide in four years.

## Blue Jays 4, Athletics 2

In Toronto, Francisco Liriano won for the first time in three starts, Russell Martin homered and the Blue Jays beat the Athletics to end a three-game losing streak.

Martin had two hits and Ezequiel Carrera reached base three times as the last-place Blue Jays won the opener of a seven-game homestand.

Oakland had just two hits against Liriano and three Toronto relievers, losing for the third time in four games.

After pitching a combined 3 2/3 innings in his previous two starts, Liriano (6-5) started on three days rest, moving up to take the turn of injured righty Aaron Sanchez (blister). Liriano allowed two runs and two hits in five innings.

Joe Biagini pitched two innings, Ryan Tepera worked a perfect eighth and Roberto Osuna struck out the side in the ninth for his 25th save in 29 chances.

Oakland right-hander Chris Smith (0-1) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings.

## Orioles 5, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Kevin Gausman pitched six strong innings, Adam Jones homered and the Orioles sent the Rays to their season-worst fifth straight loss.

The Rays began the day tied for the second AL wild-card spot. Baltimore won for the sixth time in eight games.

Gausman (7-7) gave up five hits and struck out eight. Darren O'Day, Brad Brach and Richard Bleier completed a six-hitter

Blake Snell (0-6) went a career-high seven-plus innings. The lefty, who entered with 19 of 30 career starts lasting five or fewer innings, allowed three runs and six hits.

Jones has an RBI in six straight games. Manny Machado drove in two runs during a three-run eighth.

Rays catcher Wilson Ramos left in the fifth after he was struck on the head by a piece of Ruben Tejada's broken bat. The team said Ramos got six staples and will be evaluated.

## Indians 6, Reds 2

In Cleveland, Josh Tomlin pitched six efficient innings, Carlos Santana homered twice and the Cleveland Indians won their fourth straight, over the tumbling Reds in the makeup of a May 25 rainout.

Tomlin (7-9) gave up two homers but stayed in the strike zone and won his third straight start. Cleveland's bullpen did its part as well, with Andrew Miller working two innings and Cody Allen finishing up.

Santana homered in the seventh and eighth as the Indians moved over .500 (25-24) at Progressive Field for the first time since winning their home opener on April 11.

Cleveland's Roberto Perez snapped a 1-1 tie in the fifth with an RBI double off Reds starter Tim Lincecum (5-8), who lost his fourth straight start.

## Royals 5, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Salvador Perez and Mike Moustakas hit consecutive homers in the 12th inning, and the Royals won their sixth straight game, over the Tigers.

Hours after the Royals helped their pitching staff by acquiring Trevor Cahill and two relievers in a trade with San Diego, Kansas City outlasted the Tigers to stay 1 1/2 games behind first-place Cleveland in the AL Central. Jorge Bonifacio also homered for the Royals, who won despite squandering a 3-0 lead in the sixth.

Jakob Junis (3-2), one of seven relievers used by Kansas City, pitched a hitless 11th for the win. Kelvin Herrera finished for his 20th save in 23 chances.

Drew VerHagen (0-1) took the loss, allowing the homers to Perez and Moustakas in his third inning of work.

## Marlins 4, Rangers 0

In Arlington, Texas, Giancarlo Stanton hit more two home runs and moved into a tie for the major league lead, sending Adam Conley and the Marlins over the Rangers.

Stanton has 32 homers, including six in his last seven games, and matched Yankees rookie Aaron Judge for most in the majors. Stanton hit a two-run drive in the first inning and



AP  
Chicago White Sox's Matt Davidson, right, celebrates in the dugout after his eighth-inning home run off Chicago Cubs reliever Koji Uehara on Monday at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

a solo shot in the eighth.

Texas star Adrian Beltre went 4 for 4, giving him 2,993 career hits. He moved closer to becoming the 31st player to reach 3,000.

Conley (3-3) pitched seven impressive innings during his second start since getting recalled from Triple-A New Orleans on July 18. He allowed seven hits and struck out five as he pitched past the sixth inning for the first time this season.

Martin Perez (5-8) went seven innings.

## Cardinals 8, Rockies 2

In St. Louis, Randal Grichuk hit a two-run homer, Mike Leake pitched seven scoreless innings and the Cardinals beat the Rockies.

Leake's six-strikeout performance was his best since giving up one run over eight innings against Washington on June 30. It was the first win for Leake (7-8) against the Rockies since Aug. 10, 2011.

Kevin Siegrist pitched the Cardinals out of a two-on, one-out jam in the eighth by getting Gerardo Parra to strike out and Mark Reynolds to fly out. Tyler Lyons struck out the side in the ninth.

The Cardinals improved to 20-5 against the Rockies at home since the 2010 season. Colorado fell to 3-14 in its last 17 road games.

Grichuk's two-run homer off Rockies starter Antonio Senzatela (10-4) gave the Cardinals a 4-0 lead in the fourth, extending his home run streak to a career-high four games.

## Dodgers 6, Twins 4

In Los Angeles, Cody Bellinger continued his super rookie season, drilling a three-run homer in the eighth inning to rally the Dodgers to a vic-

tory over the Twins.

It was Bellinger's 28th home run of the season, second in the National League behind Miami's Giancarlo Stanton's 32.

Edward Paredes, making his major league debut after 12 seasons in the minors, threw a scoreless eighth to earn the win. Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth to earn his 25th save.

Eddie Rosario drove in three runs for the Twins on a solo homer and two doubles.

Taylor Rogers (5-2) gave up two hits prior to Bellinger's home run to take the loss.

The Dodgers were playing their first game since losing ace Clayton Kershaw for an undetermined time with a back injury.

## Mets 5, Padres 3

In San Diego, Jacob deGrom won his eighth straight start and the Mets held on when pinch-hitter Jabari Blash's bid for a game-winning home run was barely foul, beating the Padres.

DeGrom (12-3) gave up two runs in eight innings, striking out eight. The last Mets pitcher to win eight straight starts was Bobby Jones in 1997.

Hunter Renfroe homered twice for San Diego, including a leadoff shot in the ninth inning. The Padres then put two runners on base with one out, and Blash sent a long drive that whispered past the foul pole and landed in the right-field seats — it was called foul, a ruling upheld on video replay.

Addison Reed, who played at San Diego State, then struck out Blash and closed for his 17th save.

Wilmer Flores homered off Clayton Richard (5-10). Asdrubal Cabrera had three hits, Jay Bruce had two hits

and two RBIs, and Jose Reyes stole his 500th career base.

## Mariners 4, Red Sox 0

In Seattle, James Paxton allowed four singles over seven innings to win his fifth consecutive start in July and Kyle Seager homered to pace the Mariners to a victory over the Red Sox.

Paxton (10-3) retired the first 13 hitters before Jackie Bradley Jr.'s single to center with one out in the fifth. The left-hander, who worked out of trouble in the sixth and seventh innings, struck out 10 and walked none. Paxton has allowed six earned runs in 33 1/3 innings and not given up a home run in five starts this month.

Nick Vincent and David Phelps each pitched a perfect inning to finish.

Eduardo Rodriguez (4-3) allowed four runs on six hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out six and walked two in his second start since coming off the disabled list.

## Diamondbacks 10, Braves 2

In Phoenix, J.D. Martinez hit a three-run home run to help Zack Greinke and the Diamondbacks cruise to a win over the Braves.

Martinez, hitless in his first five at-bats as a Diamondback after coming over in a trade with the Detroit Tigers last week, hammered a 1-2 pitch from reliever Matt Wisler high off the center field batters eye with nobody out in the bottom of the sixth. It was his 17th home run of the season.

Greinke (12-4) pitched eight innings and allowed two runs on five hits with six strikeouts. He's 10-0 in 12 starts at Chase Field this season. Greinke added a run-scoring double in

the second inning and a pair of sacrifices.

A.J. Pollock hit a two-run homer, doubled twice and drove in four runs, and Jeff Mathis reached base four times with three singles and a walk, scoring twice for the Diamondbacks.

R.A. Dickey (6-7) took the loss with his knuckleball often more wild than baffling. Dickey threw four wild pitches that helped the Diamondbacks get into scoring position over his 3 2-3 innings of work, and walked five while striking out four.

## Pirates 10, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer and had four RBIs, Gerrit Cole won for the fifth time in six starts, and the Pirates beat the Giants.

Jordy Mercer added a three-run homer of his own in the eighth to further back Cole (8-7), 5-1 in his last eight starts. That lone defeat came June 30 as San Francisco swept the Pirates at Pittsburgh from June 30-July 2 — the Giants' first in the series since 2009.

This time, Pittsburgh immediately jumped on San Francisco starter Matt Cain (3-9), who matched the longest losing streak of his career at eight games — also done from July 28, 2015-May 10, 2016.

Giants manager Bruce Bochy was ejected by plate umpire Chris Conroy for arguing balls and strikes in support of Cain moments after McCutchen connected, the skipper's second time being tossed this year.

## Astros 13, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, Jose Altuve had two doubles and two singles, stretched his sizzling hitting streak to 16 games and helped the Astros beat the Phillies.

A day after tying his career high for hits in a game at Baltimore, Altuve got four more and drove in three runs while raising his major league-leading average to .365.

Altuve is batting .528 (38 for 72) during his streak. He has gotten at least three hits in eight of those 16 games.

Alex Bregman homered and doubled twice, and Brian McCann also homered for Houston. The AL West leaders got 18 hits, eight for extra bases.

The game ended after midnight, running late because of a rain delay in the fourth inning that lasted nearly two hours.



# AP source: Free agent Derrick Rose agrees to deal with Cavs



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—For the moment, the Cavaliers have one content, proven point guard.

Free agent Derrick Rose agreed Monday

to sign with Cleveland, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press. Rose, a former NBA MVP who has battled knee injuries, will get a one-year contract at the veteran's minimum of \$2.1

## Cavaliers name Koby Altman full-time general manager

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Koby Altman's summer job has turned into something permanent.

The Cavaliers, who have had a bumpy few weeks since losing in the NBA Finals, named Altman their full-time general manager on Monday. Altman's promotion had been expected for days and is a reward for the 34-year-old, who has been serving as Cleveland's interim GM this summer after David Griffin parted ways with the club.

Altman came to Cleveland in 2012 and was promoted to Griffin's assistant last summer after the Cavs won the championship. He will be the fifth GM for owner Dan Gilbert since 2005.

Gilbert said he's been impressed with the job Altman—and other members of Cleveland's front office—have done over the past five weeks.

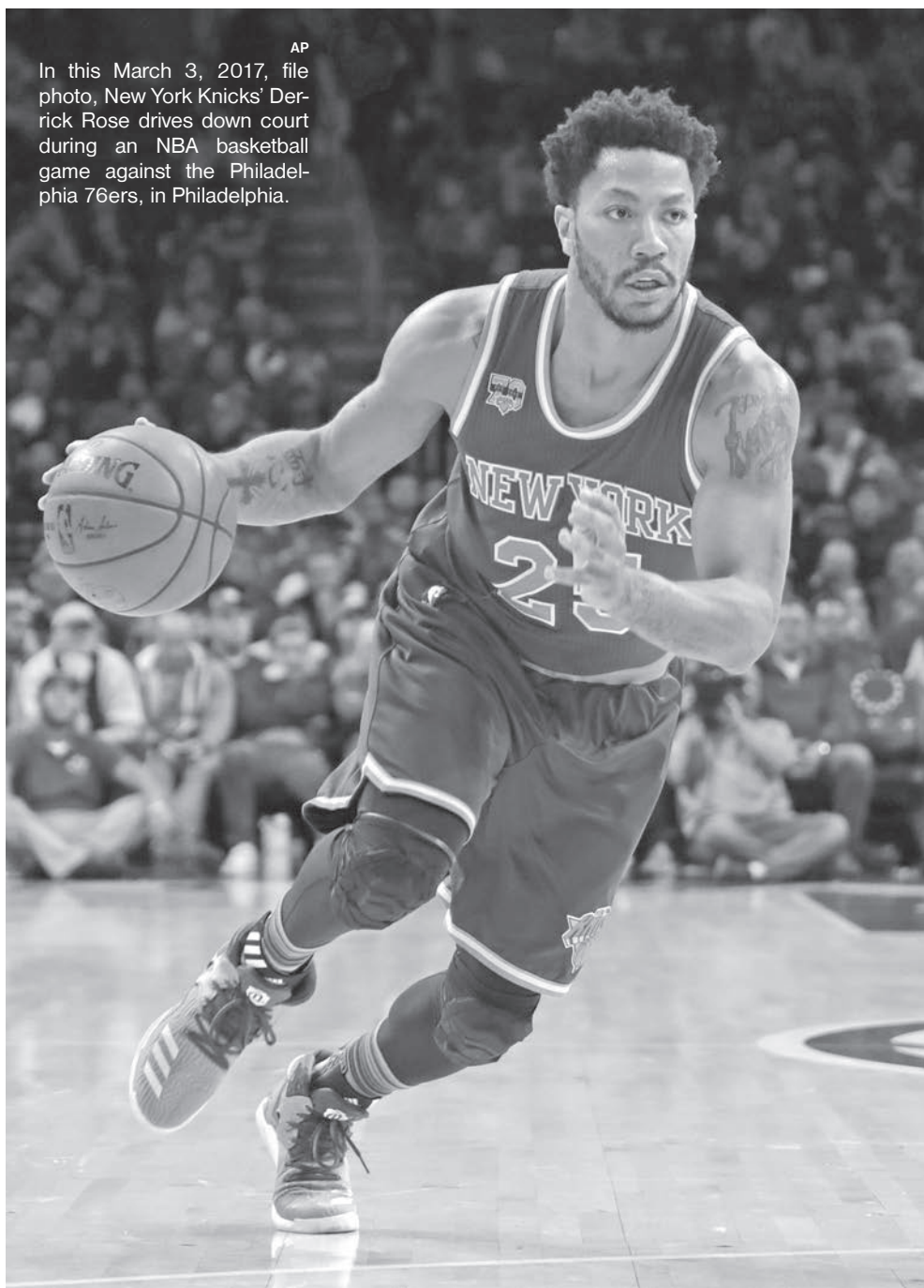
"Koby Altman has led our front office group through this transition period, impressing many inside the franchise and outside the organization, as well," Gilbert said in a statement. "We are

very excited that he will now be officially leading the basketball side of our franchise. Koby has the credentials, knowledge, experience and instincts to be an outstanding general manager. In addition to these positive attributes and outstanding relationships around the league, Koby will inspire and impact the best possible culture throughout the organization.

"We are going to see a capable and passionate leader who will also cultivate new ideas and innovation. The speed of the game is ever faster on the court and in the front offices around our league. I am confident that Koby is equipped and prepared to lead and succeed in this dynamic environment."

Altman and Gilbert are scheduled to meet reporters on Wednesday in what promises to be an enlightening news conference.

These are strange days for the Cavs. All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving recently asked to be traded and LeBron James is heading into his final season under contract.



AP  
In this March 3, 2017, file photo, New York Knicks' Derrick Rose drives down court during an NBA basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers, in Philadelphia.

million, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced the agreement.

The deal is expected to be finalized and announced Tuesday.

Rose played for the New

York Knicks last season and averaged 18 points and 4.4 assists. The 28-year-old's role with the Cavs is still to be de-

termined. He could be used as a backup or even start depending on what the team does with All-Star Kyrie Irving, who recently asked for a trade.

Irving's demands have complicated things for the defending Eastern Conference champions, who were beaten by Golden State in the Finals. They'll certainly find interest in Irving, but it may be challenging to find comparable talent in return.

That's where Rose comes in. If healthy, Rose is a dynamic scorer capable of taking over a game, and paired with LeBron James, he could be even more dangerous.

Not long after reports surfaced of Rose's agreement, James posted a message on Twitter with five rose emojis followed by, "Let's Rock G!!!"

Rose drew interest from other teams. He met with Cleveland's front office on Monday, when the team promoted Koby Altman to be its full-time general manager after he served as the interim GM since mid-June.

Rose just completed his eighth since being drafted first overall by Chicago in 2008. He was named the league's MVP in 2011 while with the Bulls. Rose sat out the entire 2012-13 season following knee surgery.

Because the Cavaliers are so far over the salary cap, they could only offer Rose a one-year deal. But the possibility of playing alongside James, who can become a free agent next summer, and to contend for a title will offset any financial concerns for Rose.

## Colts to put Andrew Luck on PUP for start of training camp



**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Andrew Luck's surgically repaired right shoulder will keep him out for the start of training camp.

How much more time he'll miss is still unclear.

Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard told reporters Monday that the team's franchise quarterback would go on the physically unable to perform list when players report to camp Saturday.

"I want to make this very clear: Andrew has not had a setback. This is all part of the process," Ballard said. "The long-term prognosis is very good and that is very positive. We are going to follow the doctors' orders and the process."

Luck, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2012 draft and the face of the franchise, had surgery in January to repair a partially torn labrum. He did not participate in any of offseason workouts and the Colts knew all along there was a good chance he would still be re-

covering during camp.

Ballard said Luck did not start throwing until last week.

The next step, Ballard said, is working on his throwing motion and regaining strength in his right arm.

Still, the Colts have avoided establishing a timeline for when Luck will start taking snaps or whether he would be ready for the Sept. 10 season opener against the Los Angeles Rams.

The reason: Ballard doesn't want to rush his best young player back.

"I don't worry about when he plays or where he plays," Ballard said when asked if Luck needs some preseason action. "Mr. (Jim) Irsay and I have had some long conversations about the next step, and the next step is practice. Right now, he's still finishing up rehab."

Luck was not available Monday because veterans aren't required to be at the team complex until Saturday.

He has said the injury occurred initially on Sept. 27, 2015 at Tennessee. After the

injury, Luck struggled—throwing 15 TD passes, 12 interceptions and going 2-5 and was sidelined for the first time in his pro career, missing nine games.

Luck opted against surgery following that season and responded with the best statistical year of his career despite playing through soreness.

Coach Chuck Pagano did make one adjustment—giving Luck an extra day off each week in an effort to keep him healthy.

But after enduring a second season of shoulder pain, Luck opted for surgery.

"I feel and see myself getting better every day, every week, and that's sort of something that you can hang your hat on," Luck said during Indy's three-day minicamp in June. "It's tangible, measurable progress, so to me that's what matters right now."

Indianapolis has only four quarterbacks on the roster: Luck, veteran backup Scott Tolzien, Stephen Morris and Phillip Walker.

Tolzien is 0-2-1 as an NFL starter and lost to Pittsburgh

last season when Luck could not play. Morris has spent three seasons on various practice squads, and Walker is an undrafted rookie out of Temple.

But Ballard continues to insist he's not looking for a veteran backup even though plenty, such as Colin Kaepernick, are still available.

"Like any position, we want to create competition and we've talked about that," Ballard said. "But right now, we're going to roll with the three guys we've got."

Luck won't be the only player missing the start of camp.

Defensive end Kendall Langford, safety Clayton Geathers and offensive lineman Brian Schwenke are also expected to begin on PUP.

Ballard remains hopeful that Luck, Geathers and Langford will be activated by early September.

But Geathers, a projected starter, is expected to open the regular season on PUP following offseason neck surgery. The move will keep Geathers out at least six weeks.

## Cowboys dump WR Whitehead after link to shoplifting arrest

**OXNARD, Calif.** (AP)—The Dallas Cowboys finally responded to a tumultuous offseason with the release of a player, dumping Lucky Whitehead on the first day of training camp after the third-year receiver and kick returner was linked to a shoplifting arrest that his agent disputed.

Whitehead said he "didn't know about" the case in his home state of Virginia as he was escorted off the field by a member of the Cowboys' public relations staff after the first morning walkthrough practice Monday morning. He was released before the full workout in the afternoon.

Prince William County Police Sgt. Jonathan Perok said 25-year-old Rodney Darnell Whitehead Jr. was arrested around 1:30 a.m. June 22 for taking about \$40 worth of food and drink from a convenience store.

Perok said he couldn't confirm that the man arrest-

ed was the Dallas receiver, but online records matched his name and birthdate. The Cowboys' media guide lists Whitehead's given first name of Rodney.

According to online records, a court date was missed July 6, leading to another charge. Another court date was set for Aug. 10.

Whitehead's agent, Dave Rich, called it a case of mistaken identity and disputed whether an arrest was made.

Rich said his client didn't arrive in Virginia until about 10 hours after the reported arrest, suggesting that either police had the wrong date on the report or that someone used Whitehead's name and address in Manassas, Virginia, where he played high school football.

The Cowboys moved swiftly in releasing Whitehead after two defensive players were arrested during the offseason.



# Chentsova finishes strong in World Champs

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REPORTER

CNMI swimmer Victoria Chentsova raced in her last event in the 17th FINA World Championships and posted a faster time in the 100m backstroke.

The 19-year-old athlete clocked in at 1:14.32 on Heat 1 of the 100m backstroke qualifiers last Monday night at the Dagály Swimming Complex in Budapest Hungary. Her time surpassed the 1:16.86 she posted during the preliminary race in the XI Oceania Championships in Fiji last year and the 1:16.41 in the finals of the same event.

Chentsova was also ranked sixth in her heat and defeated four other swimmers entered in the two-lap race, including Guam's Amanda Poppe

(1:18.24). Madagascar's Elody Marlon Razafy topped the heat with her 1:07.49, while Canada's Kylie Jacqueline Masse registered the best qualifying time in the

100m backstroke after submitting 58.62 seconds on Heat 6. The Canadian also led the qualifiers to the medal race with an even faster time of 58.18 seconds in the semifinals.

In other results, Jinju Thompson completed her first race in the World Championships after joining the preliminaries in the 200m freestyle. She capped the four-lap race in 2:36.47, missing her personal best time of 2:33.74.

Thompson was on Heat 1, which Arianna Sanna of Dominican Republic won after clocking in at 2:08.45. World



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CNMI swimmers and their coach Valrick Welch, right, pose for a photo with the Palau delegates to the 17th FINA World Championships in Hungary.

races in the 100m freestyle today. Boyer is on Heat 4 and will debut against Afghanistan's Hamid Rahimi, Guinea's Omar Kaba, Palestine's Nabeel Hatoum, Grenada's Karry Ollivierre, Brunei's Christian Nikles, Lebanon's Anthony Souaiby, Monaco's Theo Chiabaut, the Federated States of Micronesia's Kaleo Kihleng, and Benin's Jefferson Kpanou.

## SAIPAN

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ter offense in the second half. Garrett Weaver and Praise Woo registered the two other goals for SSS.

In the girls U17 game, Guine Borja recorded two goals to lift F. Marinos to its second straight victory after dropping its opener against Hakone last week. Isamu United remained winless in three matches.

F. Marinos will go for win No. 3 when it takes on Hakone in the 4pm match today. Hakone is unbeaten in two games and was aiming to extend its streak yesterday against Marianas Health Armada (1-1). Two more matches will be played today with SSS meeting Kanoa FC 1 (0-0-2) at 3pm and 4Gives battling HK SSS (0-0-2).

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Toronto	45	54	.455	9

##### Central Division

Cleveland	52	45	.536	—
Kansas City	51	47	.520	1½
Minnesota	49	49	.500	3½
Detroit	45	53	.459	7½
Chicago	39	57	.406	12½

##### West Division

Houston	66	33	.667	—
Seattle	50	51	.495	17
Los Angeles	49	51	.490	17½
Texas	48	51	.485	18
Oakland	44	55	.444	22

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##### East Division

Washington	59	38	.608	—
Atlanta	47	51	.480	12½
New York	46	51	.474	13
Miami	45	52	.464	14
Philadelphia	34	63	.351	25

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	53	48	.525	—
Chicago	51	47	.520	½
Pittsburgh	50	50	.500	2½
St. Louis	48	51	.485	4
Cincinnati	41	58	.414	11

##### West Division

Los Angeles	69	31	.690	—
Arizona	57	42	.576	11½
Colorado	58	43	.574	11½
San Diego	43	56	.434	25½
San Francisco	38	63	.376	31½

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## Guam all set to host 2017 MBC

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Saipan Baseball League coordinator Tony Rogolifoi said Guam is all set to host the second edition of the Micronesian Baseball Classic later this year.

Rogolifoi was in Guam for more than a week where he met with officials of the Guam Baseball Federation to assist them in organizing the regional tournament. Guam took over in hosting the MBC after Palau pulled out.

Palau was supposed to host the MBC in October this year, but withdrew since renovation

of Asahi Field in Koror is not yet done, according to Belau Baseball Federation official Atley Kazuma.

GBF's first order of business, after deciding to take over as MBC hosts, is to spruce up Paseo Stadium in Agaña after the facility was used as one of the venues in last year's Festival of the Pacific Arts.

"There won't be any major renovation or fixing to be done at Paseo Stadium since the facility is still in good condition. The only thing that needs to be done is to improve the infield portion of the baseball field,



Rogolifoi said.

The MBC is tentatively set from Nov. 10 to 12, depending on the number of competing teams.

Kosrae State of the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau are the other squads expected to join aside from Guam and the CNMI.

The CNMI is the reigning MBC title-holders after beating their southern island neighbors in a thrilling 10-inning match, 15-14, in last year's finals.

The CNMI has been one of the powerhouse baseball teams

in Garapan.

Triple J will award medals and other prizes to the top finishers in each age group and the first overall winners in the men's and women's divisions.

Part of the proceeds from the inaugural Triple J Foam & Fun 5K will be donated to Commonwealth Cancer Association and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"A love for the community is one of Triple J's deepest values, and partnerships with local non-profit organizations like Commonwealth Cancer Association and Make-A-Wish Foundation, the beneficiaries for this year's run,

link our group to our community in very meaningful ways. Our founder, Robert H. Jones has always said 'Let's all remember to put more into the pot of life than we take out and leave some for those less fortunate.' He and the Jones family have always believed in giving back because everything belongs to the Lord, we are just temporary custodians and must always do the right thing—his words resonate within our group of companies as we strive to build better communities," Lujan said.

The Triple J official added that they will hold the run on Saipan every year.

Berger, and multi-event experts Jacque Wonenberg and Nick Gross.

He added that NMA has not used up the \$15,000 they had received in 2015 since they organized fewer events following the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan in August of that year.

Rangamar said IAAF would require federations to

submit proposals where the funding grant would be used. "That's one of the requirements, local federations need to justify what programs would be funded."

"The grant would be of great use for us here in the CNMI since it would build up our national training pool program, especially we wanted to introduce the sport of athletics

in the region as it would either secure a podium finish or contend for the title. The 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia is the Commonwealth's latest gold medal conquest.

The CNMI was also baseball champs in the 2006 Micronesian Games held on Saipan after beating Guam, 3-2. They settled for consecutive silver medals in the 2010 and 2014 Micro Games hosted by Palau and Pohnpei, respectively.

### SBL meetings

Rogolifoi also reminded interested teams to send their representatives in back-to-back organizational meetings today and tomorrow for the

swimmers and results of last night's competition were unavailable at press time.

Meanwhile, David Boyer will join the preliminary

Under-25 and Masters leagues set later this year.

The U-25 meeting is set at 5:30pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium while the Masters will talk about their upcoming league tomorrow at the same time and venue.

Entry fees, uniforms, ground rules, equipment, and other related matters would be discussed in the meeting. Waiver forms will also be distributed in both meetings. The Masters Baseball League is also set to open in August.

For more information, contact league director Rogolifoi or secretary Marlena Castro at 234-6672.

"We are going on our 12th year of the run in Guam, and we thought there is no better time than the present to start the tradition on Saipan, we definitely will be making this an annual run. We know the runners who come out and support local 5Ks want to be happy, healthy, and make a difference. Through this partnership with Make-A-Wish and CCA, we're able to offer them exactly what they want: a way to engage with our local community and make an impact long after they cross the finish line. This annual run is for families to celebrate health and life, as part of a

group effort to give back to our community and support these non-profit organizations," Lujan added.

Meanwhile, Tan Siu Lin Foundation echoed Triple J's belief in supporting and promoting healthy activities in the CNMI and has donated \$10,000 for the September race. TanHoldings president Jerry Tan, foundation manager Merlie Tolentino, and foundation assistant manager Raymond Zapanta turned in the ceremonial check to Triple J Motors manager Randy Steele and Triple J Saipan controller Tracy Guerrero yesterday.

to kids in various elementary schools," said Rangamar.

"We could also provide equipment to some of the schools, like those in Rota and Tinian. We also plan to use the money to send interested coaches to seminars and other trainings to improve and raise their level and skills."

He added athletes—whether under the national team

or training pool—could also expect more off-island trips to gain international experience to improve their performances in local and regional competitions.

Athletics is one of the medal-rich events in the Olympics where competitions are spread out to more than 20 disciplines in running, jumping, throwing, and combined sports.

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gram in the hopes of finding the next local athletic superstar that would follow the likes of NMI Sports Hall of Famer Tony Ichiou, sprinters Yvonne Bennett, Tyrone Omar, and Beo Ngirchongor, long distance specialists Jack Kabiriel and Mamiko



# CNMI Boys U18 vs Hualien FC

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The CNMI Boys U18 National Team's Thaiphi Austria, second left, tries to beat Hualien Football Club women's team's Wen-Lin Tan to the ball during the first half of their friendly game last Friday at the Hopwood Middle School Field. The Teen Ayuyus won, 5-0.



CNMI Boys U18 National Team head coach Michiteru Mita, left, and his assistant Jon Takano watch the action at the pitch.



Hualien Football Club women's team's Ying-Hui Chen makes a throw-in.



CNMI Boys U18 National Team captain Ryan Relucio battles two Hualien Football Club women's team players for possession.

Three CNMI defenders keep an eye on a Hualien Football Club women's team player.



Hualien Football Club women's team head coach Zhu Wen Bin maps out plays during the halftime break.



The CNMI Boys U18 National Team players and coaches huddle during the halftime break to discuss their strategy in the second half.





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## Saipan Elite crushes NMI U16



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F. Marinos' Guine Borja, left, fouls Isamu United's Joannah Carreon during the second half of their girls U17 division game in the Saipan Soccer School's 2017 Youth Summer Futsal Tournament last Monday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Saipan Elite hammered NMI U16, 19-1, in the boys U16 division game in the Saipan Soccer School's 2017 Youth Summer Futsal Tournament last Monday at the TSL Sports Complex.

The lopsided victory gave Saipan Elite the temporary lead (pending results of yesterday's matches) in the four-team field as it improved its win-draw-loss record to 2-1-0, while the defeat was the second in three games for NMI U16. 4Gives (1-1-0) and HK SSS (0-0-2) complete the division and were scheduled to collide in yesterday's second game.

Saipan Elite peppered NMI U16 with 12 goals in the first half to set up the easy win, while NMI U16 nailed its lone goal also in the first 20 minutes of the match. Merrick Toves and Jaydee Jose teamed up anew in Saipan Elite's demolition of NMI U16 after firing four goals apiece. Rohan Basnet added three, while Kohtaroto and Rintaro Miyawaki chipped in two each, and Jer-



emiah Diaz contributed one. John Ezekiel Canape tallied the only goal for NMI U16.

In other results last Monday, Kanoa Football Club 2 slipped past SSS in the co-ed U12 game, 5-4, while F. Marinos won over Isamu United in the girls U17 tiff, 4-1.

Four different players hit the board for Kanoa FC 2, which now has a 2-0-1 record, the same mark that SSS holds. Andrew Sablan knocked in a pair of goals, while Markus Toves, John Mark Anastacio, and Nolan Ngewakl logged one each.

Sean Hill also drilled two goals for SSS, which led at halftime, 3-2, but failed to duplicate its 8-3 victory over Kanoa FC 2 in their first meeting after the latter played bet-

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## NMA to benefit from IAAF funding increase

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Northern Marianas Athletics is set to receive an increase in the annual grant they have been receiving from the International Association of Ath-

letics Federations. The money is assistance provided by IAAF to help member countries with their development.

NMA development officer Elias Rangamar



said this was one of IAAF president Sebastian Coe's promises when he was still running for the federation's top post in the 2015 election.

IAAF's 215 member federations, including NMA, receive an annual funding of \$15,000. That would increase to \$25,000 for the next four years or \$100,000. The money comes from the \$22 million dividend IAAF received from the International Olympic Committee.

Athletics enjoys a premier position in the Olympic movement, assuring IAAF one of the largest shares from IOC's revenues that they distribute to 28 international federations under the quadrennial Summer Games.

Rangamar said the increase would help NMA with its grassroots development pro-

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JON PEREZ

Northern Marianas Athletics development officer Elias Rangamar, standing, conducts a training session with some athletes under the national training pool in this file photo.

## Triple J Foam & Fun 5K set for Sept. 2

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A new race will hit the road this year with the staging of Triple J Foam & Fun 5K on Sept. 2.

Organized by Triple J Enterprises, Inc., the event will give Saipan running enthusiasts a fun experience as they cruise along Beach Road.

"This run is themed 'Foam & Fun Run' because we have two infinite foam machines that shoot out over 15 feet of foam in under two minutes and then we throw some color powder on runners to guarantee that participants will be happy, have fun, and not worry about getting messy. Colored powder and foam solution are both biodegradable and safe for the environment, plus we have



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Infinite foam machines greet runners during Triple J's 5K race in Guam last year. The same event will take place on Saipan via the Triple J Foam & Fun 5K set for Sept. 2.

1,000 free dri-fit T-shirts that will be given out to the first 1,000 registrants," Triple J vice president for marketing and public relations Kristine

Lujan said.

The run will start and end in front of the former

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